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Mind your manners, MPPs told

LANGUAGE Members of the Ontario legislature were taken on the political equivalent of a trip to the wood shed yesterday as Speaker Steve Peters blasted them for "schoolyard name-calling" and heckling that makes it impossible to hear each other.

Peters took several minutes before the daily question period to chastise politicians from all three parties for using disrespectful language, and said recent debates had provided some "troubling" examples.

"Words like stupid, jerk, bamboozle, hoodwink and fabrications — along with references to booze cruises, pickpockets and bathroom breaks — do nothing to enhance decorum in this place or garner the respect of the citizens we serve," he said.

"Neither does constant and repetitive heckling to the point where it is difficult or impossible to hear a colleague speak."

Scolding the politicians even further, Peters said hurling insults and engaging in personal attacks debases the legislature and casts a shadow on all elected officials.

New Democrat Peter Kormos, well-known for his loud heckling, admitted there had been some recent "rude, offensive" attacks.

"There's nothing wrong with heckling, and a witty heckle is always welcome, but at the same time a lot of what we hear in there is offensive stuff," Kormos said.

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Milan **High fashion**

VITTORIO ZUNINO CELOTTO/GETTY IMAGES

A model walks the runway at the Zuhair Murad fashion show during Milan Fashion Week Womenswear Autumn/Winter 2009 yesterday in Milan, Italy.

Listeria talks

Feds admit discussion before outbreak

Contrary to earlier claims, the subject of Listeria was broached by federal officials and Maple Leaf Foods prior to a deadly outbreak last summer that was linked to tainted meat products, documents show.

Handwritten notes from a July 24, 2008, meeting indicate officials from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Maple Leaf discussed "food safety in relation to Listeria," although no details about the substance of the talks were available.

The discussion took place roughly two weeks before tests linked the company's luncheon meats to the outbreak.

Both sides had previously denied the subject of Listeria came up at the meeting. Yesterday, they acknowledged it did come up, but said earlier denials were made in reference to discussion of the listeriosis outbreak itself.

Notes from the July meeting, obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act, show Evans and McAlpine discussed "food safety in relation to Listeria."

Further information is blanked out in the documents released by the CFIA.

CFIA spokesman Tim O'Connor said yesterday the July 24 discussion had nothing to do with Canada's listeriosis outbreak, but was trade related.

"(Listeria) was discussed with respect to how changes in domestic requirements have an impact on imports," he said. He declined to elaborate.

In a statement yesterday, Evans said there was "absolutely no discussion" during the meeting about Listeria being linked to one of Maple Leaf's Toronto processing plants.

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Crisis

- Maple Leaf issued a recall of its luncheon meats on Aug. 17.
- In all, at least 20 people died of listeriosis from consuming contaminated meat.

Torontonian joins Best Job finalists

A Toronto woman is vying for the Best Job in the World.

Christine Estima was one of the 50 finalists selected from more than 34,000 applicants who submitted audition videos to Australia's Tourism Queensland to be an island caretaker on the Great Barrier Reef.

The winner will be paid approximately $124,000 to swim, surf, sun, snorkel and blog about their adventures for six months to promote tourism in the region.

"Canadians lead more adventurous and daring lives than any other nation, but we're seen as unassuming, quiet underdogs," says Estima, who was born in Montreal, but raised in Scarborough.

Estima's video is an energetic rhyme, complete with extensive props.

The top 50 shortlist was released Monday.

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7 Canadians are among those in the hunt to leave the Great White North behind for the Land Down Under. THE CANADIAN PRESS

VideoOnline

Check out Christine Estima's audition video and a link to where you can vote at metronews.ca/local

Riding the **Recession**

Looking for ways to save money and ride out the economic storm? Now through the end of March, Metro will share advice on how to cut down on expenses and navigate your way through the recession.

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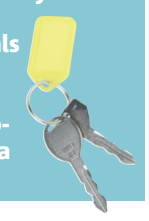

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Four-month sentence for child porn conviction
A man who accessed child pornography at the Markham Public Library has been sentenced to four months in jail. David Pattison, 23, of Markham, was arrested in September 2007. Pattison will also be prohibited for five years from going anywhere children are likely to be. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

CUPE endorses Horwarth for NDP boss

One of Ontario's top labour leaders says he will back Hamilton New Democrat Andrea Horwath, left, in the party's upcoming leadership contest. CUPE Ontario president Sid Ryan says Horwath will be the leader "the Ontario NDP needs going into the next provincial election." Ryan says he's impressed with Horwath's knowledge and understanding and the "hope she represents for working people." Horwath is one of four candidates in the running to replace Howard Hampton as party leader, a post he had held since 1996. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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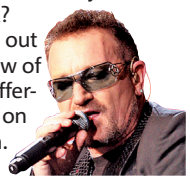

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News in brief

YORK Osgoode Hall Law School dean Patrick Monahan will celebrate Canada Day with a new job, as York University's next vice-president, academic and provost. York announced the 54-year-old's appointment to its top academic post yesterday. He takes over July 1.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Critic blasts TTC fare freeze

Councillor warns plan will mean double or triple hike next year

Toronto's rising operating costs will make it difficult to maintain recently expanded bus service without hiking TTC fares next year, critics say.

The budget committee yesterday signed off on this year's $8.7 billion operating budget — up $500 million — which carries a 4 per cent residential tax hike and warnings that it will be even harder to balance the 2010 budget.

After policing, transit is the second biggest cost for the homeowner, who can expect a municipal tax bill of $2,334 on the average Toronto home assessed at $387,129.

To help with transit costs, the city received $238 million from the provincial government's budget surplus this year.

But a similar windfall is not expected in 2010.

Meanwhile, the city faces wage increases for TTC workers, police and the civic bureaucracy and a rising welfare caseload, said Coun. Shelley Carroll, the budget chair.

Coun. Doug Holyday, a critic of Mayor David Miller's administration, said the city may have miscalculated in freezing transit fares in 2009.

"Where are we going to get the money to continue this level of service for the TTC?" Holyday said. "It isn't there. So if we're going to have to deal with a fare increase, it's going to be double or triple what it would have been this year."
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TTC stations getting defibrillators

• The TTC is stepping up its efforts to save lives by installing automated external defibrillators in 30 of its 69 subway stations. The announcement was made this week at Bloor-Yonge, the subway station with the highest number of emergency medical calls last year.

AARON HARRIS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Patricia Hung, mother of Stefanie Rengel, and husband James Hung walk out of the courthouse at 361 University Ave., yesterday as the trial began for a girl accused of first-degree murder.

Jealousy led to murder: Crown

TRIAL The fatal New Year's Day stabbing of high school student Stefanie Rengel was the tragic result of a jealous obsession that drove a 15-year-old rival to pressure her boyfriend into murder, a jury heard yesterday.

As temperatures dipped to -40 C with the wind chill early Jan. 1, 2008, Rengel, 14, was found in the snow outside her parents' home suffering from six stab wounds in a shocking crime that prosecutors allege was planned and carried out by teens.

Yesterday, the trial began for the girl, now 17, accused of first-degree murder in Rengel's death. The girl's one-time boyfriend, who was 17 at the time of the killing, also faces a charge of first-degree murder and will stand trial this fall.

People who counsel or encourage other people to kill are also guilty of murder, Crown prosecutor Robin Flumerfelt told the jury.

"(She) didn't just counsel or encourage, she pressured (the co-accused) into killing Stefanie," Flumerfelt said.

"Why? Because of a jealousy that grew inside of (the accused) that became so bitter and so vile that she slowly formed an idea that became an obsession."

Neither of the accused can be identified because of their age. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Province headed to a $18B deficit

BUDGET Ontario is planning to dig itself an $18-billion fiscal hole over two years to fight off a deepening recession that's dragging down governments across Canada and around the world, Finance Minister Dwight Duncan said yesterday.

"We'll report our best estimates in the budget, but I can tell you now that the combined Ontario deficit over this year and next ... will be around that $18-billion figure," he said in a speech to a Toronto business audience.

Duncan

"A deficit is not something that we take lightly. It is however, a necessity in these challenging times."

That figure — first floated by TD chief economist Don Drummond — includes the province's shortfall for the current fiscal year ending March 31 and the upcoming year, but Duncan refused to break down the numbers.

The $18 billion is just a "ballpark" figure and the details will come in the March 26 budget, he said.
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CAA closing down seven stores

ECONOMY The Canadian Automobile Association announced yesterday it will close seven of its retail stores in southern Ontario, putting 120 people out of work.

The move affects 70 staff at the retail level and another 50 employees at the head office in Thornhill.

Company officials say while the tumbling economy played a role in their decision, so too did a change in how people are making their travel plans.

"The traditional travel customer is starting to move to a more 21st-century model," said Jason Ballantyne, communications manager for CAA South Central Ontario. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stolen wheelchair-accessible van found

A wheelchair-accessible van stolen Monday from a quadriplegic woman in Etobicoke has been found. That's good news for Brenda Baird, whose husband, Charlie, drives the van. The couple could not have afforded a replacement, Baird said yesterday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Car sales drop, but Chrysler in top spot

GM Canada sees a 56.7% dip from last year

Canadian sales of new cars and light trucks fell 27.7 per cent last month compared with a year ago, as traditional market leader General Motors of Canada saw its deliveries skid by a startling 56.7 per cent.

That put GM third in monthly sales behind the Canadian subsidiaries of Chrysler and Ford.

Overall Canadian sales of passenger cars were down 29.9 per cent from a year ago to 40,786. Meanwhile, sales of light trucks — pickups, SUVs and minivans — dropped 25.2 per cent to 39,444, according to industry data tallied by DesRosiers Automotive Consultants.

The total number of light vehicles sold last month, 80,230, was actually slightly higher than in January, when about 76,900 were moved.

While GM Canada's sales plunged to 11,381 from 26,309 a year earlier, Chrysler was last month's market leader with 11,923, down 27 per cent from February 2008.

"Our position as the No. 1 automaker this month clearly demonstrates the continued confidence Canadians have in Chrysler vehicles and in the company's future," declared company president Reid Bigland.

"Stunning is the only word I can think of at this point," industry analyst Dennis DesRosiers' commented on GM's sales slide. He said it appears to be the first time since 1949 that General Motors has not been the Canadian market leader.

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Car sales by the numbers

- Chrysler led all car companies for vehicle sales in February with 11,923. Ford was second with 11,854 and GM third with 11,381. Toyota and Honda rounded out the top five with 9,421 and 6,912 sales respectively.

Tamils **Protest against Sri Lanka**

NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hundreds of protesters in downtown Toronto yesterday wave flags and signs against the Sri Lankan government's handling of the long-going civil war against Tamil rebels.

Driver clocked at 250 km/h

POLICE A 26-year-old Toronto man was clocked roaring down Hwy. 400 at an unprecedented 250 kilometres an hour just after midnight.

"That's the highest we've got someone at that I know of," said Ontario Provincial Police Sgt. Dave Woodford.

The man was driving an Infiniti G35 at its top speed south on Hwy. 400 near Finch when he was tracked with a laser around 12:30 a.m., Woodford said.

"According to the manufacturer, that's the top rated speed, 250, before the engine konks out. That's what its limited to."

Woodford said he did not know if the driver had modified the vehicle to enable it to travel faster.

Antonio Talarico was charged with stunt driving under the province's Highway Traffic Act. His car was impounded and his license was suspended as a result of the charge. Stunt driving charges take effect if a vehicle is travelling 50 kilometres an hour or more over the speed limit.

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Stunt racing

- More than 10,000 people have been charged under the stunt racing legislation since it took effect last year, Sgt. Dave Woodford said.

WSIB needs major makeover, review says

EMPLOYMENT The provincial insurance program that is supposed to promote safe workplaces needs to be immediately fixed and possibly replaced in the future, says a sweeping review that could affect tens of thousands of Ontario businesses.

The audit of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's incentive program confirms the findings of the Toronto Star's multipart Working Wounded investigation published over the last year.

The review, commissioned by the WSIB, says dangerous companies are getting cash rewards and many employers are exploiting the WSIB's incentive program at the expense of injured workers.

It urges the WSIB to make chief executives more accountable.

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SickKids running diabetes clinic

SCREENING The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) is hosting three free type 1 diabetes screening clinics. These screening events will examine whether relatives of people with type 1 diabetes are at risk for developing the disease.

The clinics will take place today at the Hospital for Sick Children, March 10 at North York General Hospital, and March 31 at the Hospital for Sick Children.

For more information, call the TrialNet team at 416-813-5858, 416-813-7654 ext. 1798, or toll free at 1-866-699-1899.

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News in brief

NURSES Canadian Blood Services and several nurses unions are at odds over a proposal to reduce the number of nurses working at blood donor clinics across the country.The blood agency said safety remains its No. 1 concern as it makes plans to introduce changes prompted in part by difficulties in finding and keeping nurses.

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Mistakenly released prisoner back in custody

A man who was mistakenly released from a Saskatchewan jail is back in custody. A news release from the Saskatoon Police Service says Steven Perry Burns, 24, was recaptured by Prince Albert police. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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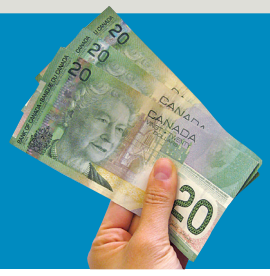

Lotto Super 7's number is up

After 15 years, a popular national lottery is being scratched. Canadians can cash in on a new, as-yet-unannounced lottery on Fridays starting in September, when the Lotto Super 7 lottery comes to an end. Since the Super 7 was launched in June 1994, it has generated sales of $11.44 billion and players have won $6.73 billion.

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Firefighters administer first aid to an eight-year-old boy who suffered severe burns when his apartment went up in flames.

'Suspicious' B.C. apartment blaze severely burns boy, 8

FIRE An eight-year-old boy remains in children's hospital suffering from severe burns after an apartment fire in Burnaby, B.C.

Fire crews arrived around midnight on Monday to see the lobby engulfed in flames and people jumping from windows.

The boy was rescued from the building by firefighters, and was taken to hospital with burns to more than 75 per cent of his body. Three others, including a 90-year-old woman, were taken to hospital. RCMP say investigators are treating the fire as suspicious. DOMINIQUE AMAND /FOR METRO CANADA

All health levels failed: Judge

A public inquiry into botched breast cancer tests in Newfoundland and Labrador says there was a failure of accountability and oversight "at all levels" that led to the mistakes.

In an extensive report released yesterday, Justice Margaret Cameron breaks down how the province's largest health board, Eastern Health, failed to communicate to patients and the public about the province's biggest public health failure.

"The whole of the health system, to varying degrees, can be said to have failed the ER/PR patients," Cameron wrote in her 495-page report.

She issued 60 recommendations calling for more training for clinicians, improved record-keeping and mandatory continuing education for laboratory technologists.

Cameron's three-volume report comes after a seven-month probe heard a litany of blunders that caused at least 386 patients to receive mistaken results on tests that were intended to determine the appropriate treatment for their breast cancer.

At least 108 patients whose tests were misread have died, but it will likely never be known how many of them, if any, died as a result of missing out on potentially life-saving treatment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Overworked lab

- Cameron found the lab in St. John's at the centre of the botched results was overwhelmed by staff shortages, improper training, and a lack of internal controls.

CTV cutting A Channel shows, 118 jobs

MEDIA CTV Television Inc. is slashing 28 per cent of the staff or 118 jobs at its A Channel television stations and cancelling morning shows in some cities.

The company announced yesterday that it was cancelling the 6 p.m., 11 p.m. and weekend newscasts in Ottawa, while also shutting down local morning shows in Victoria, London and Barrie.

Closure ahead

- CTV is also looking at either selling or closing CKX-TV Brandon in Manitoba.

Earlier this month, CTV said it will not seek to renew the licences for two southwestern Ontario A Channel stations — CKNX-TV in Wingham and CHWI-TV in Wheatley and Windsor — when they expire at the end August. The latest reductions include cuts at those operations.

The CTV filed regulatory documents with the CRTC saying that the channels have continued to be a money-losing enterprise since they were acquired from CHUM Ltd. in 2007. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

GANGS Police are trumpeting what they say is a major blow against Vancouver gangs with several arrests and attempted murder charges. RCMP say they've arrested two members of the UN Gang, an associate member and two women. The charges stem from a targeted shooting outside a Surrey strip club on Feb. 16 that wounded the driver of an SUV. Police say the intended target was in the backseat. THE CANADIAN

Avalanche-buried boarder recovering
A snowboarder is recovering from a harrowing ordeal after spending six hours buried by an avalanche near a Vancouver Island ski resort. The 14-year-old was among a group of five who went out of bounds at the Mount Washington resort Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trial hears horrific details of beheading

A man accused of beheading a fellow passenger on a Greyhound bus politely apologized to police when he was arrested, blood still smeared on his face, and pleaded with officers to take his life.

"I'm sorry. I'm guilty. Please kill me."

Details of the night Tim McLean died while quietly minding his own business emerged yesterday as an agreed statement of facts was read in court at the start of Vince Li's second-degree murder trial.

Although he admitted to the slaying that night, Li pleaded innocence yesterday. His lawyers are arguing he is not criminally responsible because he was mentally ill.

Vince Li

The statement said Li attacked McLean "for no apparent reason" and ignored other horrified passengers as he repeatedly stabbed the young man, who unsuccessfully fought for his life.

"Tim McLean struggled and tried to escape," Crown prosecutor Joyce Dalmyn told the judge hearing the case.

But McLean couldn't get away because Li was blocking the aisle.

When the bus pulled over near Portage la Prairie, Man., Li was engrossed with stabbing and mutilating McLean's body. Passengers fled the bus and stood outside. It was then that Li also tried numerous times to leave the bus. But he was locked inside and, according to the statement, he returned to McLean's body and methodically carved it up further.

Police arriving on scene asked him to drop the knife and he said he "had to stay on this bus forever."

But he eventually tried to escape out a window and was taken into custody.

Police said McLean's body parts were found throughout the bus in plastic bags, although part of his heart and both eyes were never found and were presumed eaten by Li. The victim's ear, nose and tongue were found in Li's pocket.

McLean, a carnival worker, had been returning home to Manitoba after working at a fair in Alberta. Passengers have said he was sleeping near the back of the bus and listening to music on his earphones when he was attacked.

McLean's family and friends, many wearing T-shirts with his picture on them, wept as the grisly details were read out in court.

Court heard Li was born in China in 1968 and came to Canada in 2001. He became a citizen in 2005. He graduated from a business college, but never got a job in his field.

He didn't have many friends and was divorced in 2006. Li had "mental problems," according to those who knew him, but they had not known him to be violent.

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Family and friends of victim Tim McLean enter the Law Courts in Winnipeg yesterday prior to the trial of Vince Li.

Quebecers not OK with oilsands: Poll

SURVEY Most Canadians outside Quebec have made their peace with Alberta's polluting, money-spinning oilsands, new poll numbers suggest.

Fifty-seven per cent of respondents in The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey said there are more benefits than drawbacks to the oilsands, while 35 per cent reported the reverse.

A majority of those surveyed in every province supported the benefits, with Alberta leading at 70 per cent.

In Quebec, however, slightly less than half of respondents said there were more drawbacks compared with 39 per cent who said there were more benefits.

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Psych evaluation ordered for man

MONTREAL An Ottawa man facing a charge of attempting to kidnap a six-year-old Montreal girl will spend the next month undergoing a psychiatric evaluation.

The process will determine whether Michael Fisher is fit to stand trial and whether he can be held criminally responsible for his alleged actions. Fisher, 35, was charged with attempting to kidnap a girl on Sunday from a Wal-Mart. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

REPORT The death of a Moncton, N.B., teen in a federal penitentiary was the result of a series of systemic failures, says a report from the federal correctional investigator.

CASINO A two-year renovation project is getting underway at OLG Casino Brantford to make the facility more environmentally friendly. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mountie gives conflicting testimony at B.C. Taser inquiry

The Mountie who stunned Robert Dziekanski with a Taser is being grilled over conflicting statements he made about the incident.

Const. Kwesi Millington jolted Dziekanski several times with the stun gun at Vancouver airport in October 2007.

At a public inquiry into the death of the Polish man, Millington is being quizzed over several inaccuracies in his police notebook and statements he made to homicide investigators.

Millington had said Dziekanski was yelling when approached, was waving a stapler "wildly," and that it took three jolts of the Taser and four officers to wrestle him to the ground.

But Millington now says Dziekanski wasn't yelling, wasn't waving the stapler and collapsed on his own after just one Taser shock.

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The minimum wage is going up.

If you're an employer, here's what you need to know.

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Current wage rate	$8.75/hour	$8.20/hour	$7.60/hour	$43.75	$87.50	110% of the minimum wage
Mar. 31, 2009 wage rate	$9.50/hour	$8.90/hour	$8.25/hour	$47.50	$95.00	110% of the minimum wage

On March 31, 2009, the general minimum wage will increase to $9.50 per hour from the current rate of $8.75 per hour.

To find out more about how the new minimum wage guidelines affect employers and employees, call or visit the Ministry of Labour web site.

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Pope to celebrate mass in Israel
The mayor of Nazareth said yesterday Pope Benedict will celebrate a public mass there when he visits the Holy Land in May. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Cricketers ambushed

Sri Lankan squad attacked in Pakistan

At least a dozen men ambushed Sri Lanka's cricket team with rifles, grenades and rocket launchers yesterday, converging on the squad's convoy as it drove through a traffic circle near an eastern Pakistani stadium.

Seven players, an umpire and a coach were wounded in the Mumbai-style attack, none with life-threatening injuries, but six policemen and a driver died.

The attackers struck as a convoy carrying the squad and match officials reached a traffic circle about 300 metres from the main sports stadium in the eastern city of Lahore, triggering a 15-minute gunbattle with police guarding the vehicles.

By attacking South Asia's most popular sport, the gunmen guaranteed themselves tremendous international attention while demonstrating Pakistan's struggle to provide its 170 million people with basic security as it battles a raging Islamist militancy.

Yesterday's attackers melted away into the city, and none were killed or captured, Lahore police Chief Haji Habibur Rehman said.

Authorities did not speculate on the identities of the attackers or their motives, but the chief suspects will be Islamist militants, some with links to al-Qaida, who have staged high-profile attacks on civilian targets before.

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Canadians

- There are no immediate plans to withdraw Canadian cricketers training in Sri Lanka, in the wake of the attack on the Sri Lankan cricket team, Cricket Canada says. The eight Canadians are expected to be the core of the national team at a World Cup qualifying event next month in South Africa.

German archive falls to rubble

COLOGNE A six-storey city archive building rumbled and then collapsed into a pile of rubble yesterday in Cologne, Germany. Many people inside were able to flee to safety, but rescue workers said they were searching for people missing from nearby buildings.

The collapse also dragged down part of two neighbouring buildings. Nine people who could have been in one of the buildings, which contained apartments and an amusement arcade, were reported missing, said fire department spokesman Daniel Leupold.

Alerted by the sounds that preceded the collapse, staff and visitors at the Cologne archive were able to get out in time, Fire department director Stephan Neuhoff said.

"So far, there are no injured," he said.

It was unclear exactly how many people were inside at the time of the collapse. Two construction workers initially reported as missing were among those who managed to escape.

Work was being done on a new subway line under the street on which the building stood, but the cause of the collapse is not yet clear, Leupold said.

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The scene of the collapsed city archive building in downtown Cologne, western Germany, yesterday.

Bush-era memo outlines justification for rendition

WASHINGTON A Bush-era legal memo gives new detail on how the administration tiptoed around laws and treaties to justify presidential power to transfer prisoners captured in the war on terror to countries where they might be tortured — known as extraordinary rendition.

The March 13, 2002, memo said that prisoners held outside the United States were not protected by U.S. laws against torture nor against a separate international treaty banning torture.

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News in brief

SUSPECT A Salvadoran immigrant in prison for attacking two women joggers in the park where Chandra Levy's remains were found is named in an arrest warrant issued yesterday in the former federal intern's slaying. Ingmar Guandique, 27, who is in federal prison in California, was questioned in 2002 over Levy's slaying but was not charged at the time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cigarette model dies of throat cancer
Alan Landers, who posed for Winston cigarette ads in the 1960s and 1970s, has died after battling throat cancer. He was 68. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Al-Qaida recruits women for jihad

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

Islamist terrorists: Hostile to women? Wrong. These days they actively recruit women, often over the Internet.

"Sister, do you fear the horror of death? Don't you wish for such an end — an easy transition from this world to paradise?" writes a participant in the online forum al-Hesbah.

Five years ago, the Internet was male territory. Today there are scores of sites, online forums and chatrooms targeted to women. Some are virtual support groups, while others provide terrorist training. Websites are often sabotaged or shut down but new ones quickly replace them.

The trend started in 2004 with a women's issue of the al-Qaida online magazine Sawt al-Jihad.

"Terrorist groups watch each other, so if something works for one group the others will use it," says Dr. Gabriel Weimann, a communications professor at the University of Haifa and American University in Washington, D.C. "They target women both to encourage them to let their husbands and sons join the jihad, and to recruit women themselves as fighters."

Last year Sheikh Mustafa Abu Yazid, al-Qaida's leader in Afghanistan, posted an appeal on the website al-Ekhlaas, calling on women to join the holy war. In February, a female suicide bomber killed at least 35 people outside Baghdad.

Using women is savvy, says Weimann: They seem more innocent than men, can easily hide weapons in their clothing, and are rarely subjected to body searches.

"But women are recruited as foot soldiers, not leaders", explains Dr. James Forest, Director of Terrorism Studies at the US Military Academy.

Preventing terrorists' online recruitment is virtually impossible.

"You can shut down a website, but 30 minutes later it will be re-launched in another country", says Forest. "The long-term strategy should be to tackle the grievances that give terrorists fertile ground for recruitment."

Recruiter

- Perhaps the most fervent recruiter is Malika el-Aroud, a 49-year-old Belgian woman. For the past four years el-Aroud, whose husband is an al-Qaida fighter, has written thousands of online posts encouraging men and women to join the jihad. In 2007 she was convicted of supporting Islamist organizations via the Internet.

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U.S. President Barack Obama meets with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown in the Oval Office of the White House yesterday.

U.S. eyes 'reset' Moscow ties

TALKS U.S. President Barack Obama said yesterday he has told Russia that reducing Iran's pursuit of a nuclear weapon would in turn lessen the need for a U.S.-planned missile defence system in eastern Europe that Moscow has opposed. But Obama said he sought no "quid pro quo."

The president said it is time for the United States to "reset or reboot" its relationship with Russia, a nod to the increasingly tense relations of recent years.

Obama was answering questions after his meeting with visiting British Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

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News in brief

JAPAN Prime Minister Taro Aso is touting a one-time cash handout of 12,000 yen, or $160 per person, as the centrepiece of a stimulus package to revive the world's second-largest economy, mired in one of its worst slumps since the Second World War. But polls show most Japanese oppose the idea — though many confess they'll take the money anyway.

GUINEA-BISSAU The new leader of Guinea-Bissau has been sworn in following the assassination of the president a day earlier. Parliamentary leader Raimundo Pereira read the oath to become the country's new president. Legislators observed a moment of silence today for President Joao Bernardo Vieira and for the head of the armed forces, who were both assassinated. Vieira had ruled Guinea-Bissau for 22 of the past 29 years.

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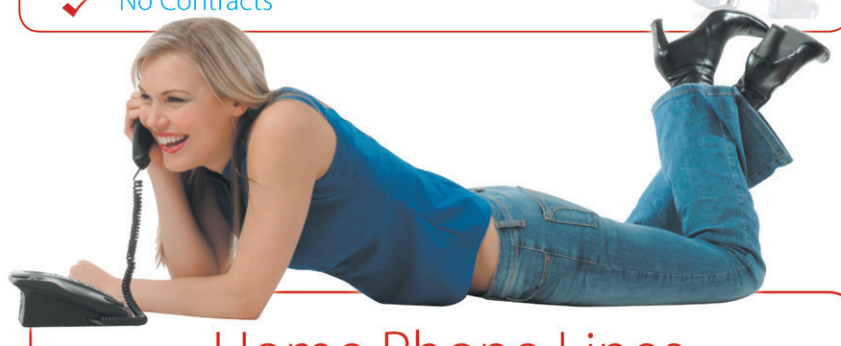

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The one feel-good story

Aussie tourism contest helping to warm up a dreary winter

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The news is pretty grim these days (that's an understatement), but if you haven't heard about The Best Job in The World, you're missing the one news story on the planet guaranteed to make you feel better and get you through the rest of this #$%^&*! Winter of '09.

Back in January, someone in the Queensland Department of Tourism had an inspired idea. What if we start a job search for the best job in the world? And so they did, and they're not kidding. Based on all criteria and the Geneva Convention, this is the best job in the world.

It's a six-month contract for a "caretaker" for the Islands of the Great Barrier Reef.

The successful applicant basically plays tourist on some of the world's most beautiful tropical islands, is required to blog about their experience once a week, and gets paid the equivalent of $124,000 for the, um, task.

You're immediately tempted to ask, "what's the catch?" And those clever Aussies have that one listed in their website's FAQ, under "Is this a real job?" assuring visitors that yes, it is and no, there is no catch. Just apply, mate.

Sadly, while I was dreaming about refilling the towel dispensers on Daydream Island, just one of the 900 islands in the world's largest coral reef system, 34,684 real applicants got busy and sent in their applications, which include a one-minute video. So many people just wanted to bang on their drum all day, they crashed the site.

Tourism Queensland has just announced the top 50 applicants and the lucky 50 and their videos are posted on www.islandreefjob.com. You can vote for your favourite, and the applicant with the most votes gets an interview along with 10 others selected by Tourism Queensland. It is a "real job," after all.

Of course, anyone can see through all this malarkey. It's just the most clever tourism promotion ever.

Of course, anyone can see through all this malarkey. It's just the most clever tourism promotion ever. And it doesn't hurt that it's the antidote to the worst winter in the worst economy in decades.

Maybe that's why such a disproportionate number of the final 50 are Canadians. Desperation breeds creativity. Three are from B.C., one is from Alberta and two are from Ontario.

Anny Chih of Vancouver gets big marks for her irresistibly cute video, but Mitchell from Ontario is the Canadian to beat. He staged a musical job application on a busy downtown street with a cast of dozens that rivals the best of Broadway. Mamma Mia!

So most of us aren't going to get the job of island caretaker, but at least we can vote for our choice. Maybe they'll send us a sack of sand in gratitude. We better roll up our sleeves, though, because Mitchell's currently in second place behind Julia, the Russian Bond girl, who is way out in the lead with 4005 votes and counting.

Then again, maybe you'd consider a write-in campaign for me, your favourite columnist.

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Word on the street: Aside from your mother, who is the most influential woman in your life?

Ali Aminuddin, age 22, Toronto
A: My grandmother. She's always there for me.

Sarah Burry, age 18, Toronto
A: Probably my best friend. I look up to her in a way because I spend so much time with her and I really like being with her.

Tara Town, age 23, Toronto
A: My best friend ... We grew up together and ... she just knows me a lot more than all the other friends.

Clementine Iweh, age 44, Vancouver
A: My choice is Oprah. She's an inspirational lady and touches everybody from various ethnic groups and she's a philanthropist.

Robert Talbot, age 27, Ottawa
A: My wife, because she's a very intelligent person and helps me make decisions when I'm sitting on the fence.

Nikki Kimmel, age 19, Calgary
A: Helen Keller. She just had to battle so much and had so much willpower.

Letters

Eliminate wasteful spending instead of raising taxes

Re: It's time to take care of ourselves (Feb. 20)

I think politicians should stop thinking that getting more funding from the people by increasing the tax is the best way.

I think they should try to see if the spending has been used in an efficient way. And at the same time, examine their salary, benefits and higher-than-average annual salary increase.

We Torontonians have paid higher and more taxes/fees than other cities.

In my experience, project/program budgets are drained so the receiving party doesn't have to return the unspent amount, and can request the same — or higher — budget the following year. This leads to unplanned, careless purchasing practices.

RYURIKO TSUKINO, NORTH YORK

Freedom of speech a privilege not to be abused

Re: Do we believe in freedom of speech? (Feb. 25)

I, too, believe in freedom of speech, but not in Mr. Sullivan's definition — i.e. "If you think it, you can say it."

Freedom of speech is not only a right, but a privilege.

If said speech is used in a way that hurts someone or makes a significant impact on societal thinking and promotes untruths, abuse and hatred, then it's an abuse of the privilege to freedom of speech.

Where laws exist to protect society from such abuse, the laws should be enforced to the full extent.

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Citigroup to lower some mortgage payments
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Rate at record low

Bank of Canada cuts interest to 0.5 per cent

The Bank of Canada slashed its key short-term interest rate almost as low as it can go yesterday and said it may need to resort to extraordinary measures to rescue the economy from a recession.

The central bank cut the overnight rate half a percentage point to an all-time low of 0.5 per cent.

Canada's commercial banks quickly followed suit, cutting their prime rates to 2.5 per cent, effective today.

The drop will benefit some mortgage holders but will have little or no immediate impact on many corporate borrowers or credit card holders and will reduce some interest rates paid to savers.

While variable mortgage rates tied to prime are being reduced, longer-term and fixed rates have not kept pace with the central bank's moves.

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Later recovery

- Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney suggested the bank now sees recovery coming later than it had last projected, possibly in early 2010 instead of the third quarter of this year.

Business in brief

MINING Vale Inco said it will cut about 350 Canadian jobs as it restructures its operations amid slumping nickel prices. The Toronto-based miner said it will cut 900 jobs worldwide, mainly from its corporate, management and business support functions. Before the cuts, Vale Inco employed 6,600 people in Canada at operations in Sudbury, Port Colborne, Ont., Thompson, Man., and Labrador.

SHARES Magna Entertainment Corp., which owns horse racing tracks, betting establishments and related businesses, said its class A shares will be delisted at the close of the market on April 1 for failing to meet the Toronto Stock Exchange's listing requirements. The company is controlled by auto parts magnate Frank Stronach. METRO NEWS SERVICES

BMW Slimmer

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BMW's chief executive Norbert Reithofer arrives for a press briefing at the Geneva Motor Show yesterday. The German car maker is cutting 1,000 more jobs this year. Automakers touted electric-powered vehicles at the show, hoping to persuade consumers to buy new cars during the global recession.

Hamilton steel mill shuts down

JOBS U.S. Steel Canada, formerly known as Stelco, is temporarily shutting down its Hamilton mill and closing most of its Lake Erie operations, affecting up to 2,100 jobs, the Hamilton Spectator reported yesterday.

The move is driven by slumping demand in the steel sector and is a major blow to the industrial city, which has been hurt by earlier layoffs at the company and its rival, Arcelor Mittal Dofasco.

U.S. Steel Canada has already laid off almost 700 of 1,700 hourly employees in Hamilton, where it shut down its blast furnace in November.

Pittsburgh-based U.S. Steel acquired Stelco for more than $1 billion two years ago. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Financials lead TSX lower

STOCKS The Toronto stock market piled on more losses yesterday, squeezed by the financial sector. The S&P/TSX composite index made triple-digit swoops in both directions before closing down at 7,631.62.

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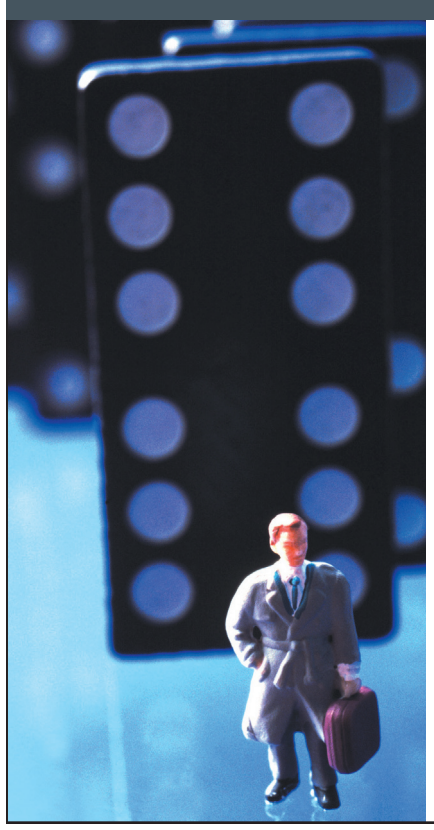

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Volunteering can beef up resumé

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There's no better way to gain valuable work skills than through volunteering, says Anna Bychkova.

When the 27-year-old moved to Toronto from Russia two-and-a-half years ago, she joined Volunteer Toronto with the goal of learning English.

One year later, she was hired on as staff.

"It helped me network, learn new skills and learn English," she said.

For those who are new to the country or between jobs, volunteering and community service can be an excellent way to try something new in a low-risk environment.

"It's relaxed, it's fun and you're not shy to ask questions," Bychkova said.

She was recently promoted from reception to Corporate and Membership Services.

Deborah Gardner, executive director of Volunteer Toronto, says lending a hand can lead to employment in a number of ways.

"Not that you'll necessarily get a job where you volunteer, but the person sitting beside you when you're volunteering, or working with you, may have a whole network and a place of work," she said.

Volunteering can also benefit those who are already employed, said Gardner.

"If you're feeling at risk in your job, one way to improve the situation is to enhance your skills," she said.

Public speaking, for example, is a valuable skill in almost any position.

The AIDS Committee of Toronto has a speakers' bureau, where volunteers get intensive training on how to give presentations.

An organization like the AIDS Committee of Toronto has a speakers' bureau and those who join are offered intensive training on the issue and also on how to make presentations, she said.

"So you've gotten that professional development for free and now when you go back to your workplace, you've got those skills, which you're going to show off, and you become more secure in your tenure," Gardner said.

Volunteerism is on the rise in Canada and Gardner said as the global economic crisis deepens, it will only continue in the same direction.

> **"It helped me network, learn new skills and learn English."** Anna Bychkova

Statistics Canada's 2004 Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating found that almost 12 million Canadians, or 45 per cent of the population aged 15 and older, volunteered during the one-year period before the survey.

Their time contributions totalled close to two billion hours.

For more information on how to get involved, visit volunteertoronto.on.ca or volunteer.ca.

Acts of kindness

Imagine what the world would be like if everyone did something nice for someone else. Inspired by his mother, who lost her battle with cancer, Brad Stokes set out on an "Extreme Kindness Tour" in 2002, where he encouraged Canadians to perform random acts of kindness.

Stokes, who co-wrote the book Cool to be Kind: Random Acts and How to Commit Them, offers these tips:

- **Be deliberate in your random acts.** Each morning set the intention to do something nice for a stranger.
- **Don't be shy.** Reach out to people; you'll be surprised how much they'll appreciate it.
- **Savour the moment.** Take a moment to savour the happiness you've brought into someone else's day; it will make you feel great too! METRO NEWS SERVICES

Search called off for missing NFL players
The U.S. Coast Guard called off the search yesterday for NFL players Marquis Cooper, Corey Smith and a third man missing in the Gulf of Mexico after their boat capsized during a fishing trip off the Florida coast Saturday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

"Don Cherry is like Rush Limbaugh and President Obama is in office ... Change has come. It is like oxygen, get used to it."

Washington Capitals owner Ted Leonsis, left, reacting on his blog, www.tedstake.com, to comments Cherry made saying Alex Ovechkin celebrates too much after scoring. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Little activity on eve of deadline

NHL Niklas Backstrom was only speaking for himself, but in discussing the four-year extension he signed with Minnesota yesterday, Backstrom highlighted a developing theme on the eve of the NHL's trade deadline — staying put.

"My goal was to stay here and I'm really happy," he said. A quiet yesterday indicated that NHL general managers might not accomplish as much on today's deadline as in years past. Gary Roberts (Tampa), Miroslav Satan (Pittsburgh) and Brendan Morrison (Anaheim) were among the players placed on waivers — a sign they didn't have much trade value in the current market.

It's impossible to predict what today will bring. Jay Bouwmeester remains unsigned in Florida, Bill Guerin sits in limbo on Long Island and Chris Neil and Filip Kuba are still without extensions in Ottawa.

Avery back on Broadway

NHL Sean Avery is back with the New York Rangers. The Rangers claimed the forward off re-entry waivers from the Dallas Stars yesterday in a move weeks in the making. Avery spent the past month in the AHL while remaining property of the Stars. He hasn't played in the NHL since his suspension in December for making crude remarks. "He's really tried to help himself, and Glen (Sather) believes in second chances," said new Rangers coach John Tortorella, who harshly criticized Avery's antics while working for TSN earlier this season.

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New look coming?

Leafs face trade deadline day after cheap OT loss

NHL RESULT

Devils 3 **Maple Leafs** 2 (OT)

VS

The New Jersey Devils remained unbeaten since the return of Marty Brodeur.

Johnny Oduya pushed in a rebound while sliding into the crease 4:48 into overtime to give the Devils a 3-2 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs last night, improving Brodeur's record to 4-0 since he reappeared after a 50-game absence while rehabbing from an elbow injury.

Brodeur moved within four wins of breaking Patrick Roy's NHL record of 551 career victories. It was the seventh consecutive game in which Toronto played extra time, tying the NHL record set by the 2003-04 Edmonton Oilers. The Devils, second in the Eastern Conference, have won nine of their last 11 games, while the Leafs, 11th in the East, suffered their first loss in five.

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Mikhail Grabovski is stopped by Martin Brodeur last night.

Trade baiting

• Dominic Moore and Nik Antropov were held out of last night's game in anticipation of potential deals.

More audition than exhibition

Canada 6 **Blue Jays** 4

VS

Before yesterday's 6-4 win over the Blue Jays, team Canada manager Ernie Whitt wondered how he would distribute three exhibition games among just 13 pitchers.

He might have to manage playing time behind the plate just as carefully.

Speaking to reporters after yesterday's game Russell Martin, Canada's starting catcher, mentioned that he's still recovering from a mid-foot sprain. Martin says the foot is almost back to normal after nearly three weeks of rehab, but said the lingering injury still limits his defensive mobility.

"It's 100 times better than what it was," said Martin, a two-time all-star with the L.A. Dodgers. Martin's sore foot adds another variable to a team with an already depleted pitching staff.

The absences of Ryan Dempster, Rich Harden and Erik Bedard leave yesterday's starter, Blue Jays hopeful Scott Richmond, as the anchor of an inexperienced staff. Yesterday Richmond surrendered four hits and two runs to a Jays lineup that included just two full-time big leaguers.

Still, Richmond says his arm is already strong enough to handle the tournament's first round, where starters are limited to 65 pitches.

After throwing 45 pitches against the Jays he trotted to the bullpen and threw 20 more.

For Richmond, the game wasn't just a tuneup for the World Baseball Classic, but part of his continuing audition for a spot on the Jays' rotation. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canada's Scott Richmond threw two innings against his own team, the Blue Jays, yesterday.

Koskie leads way

• Appearing in his first game since suffering a career-threatening concussion in 2006, Corey Koskie scored three runs for Canada yesterday.

Raptors Swept on road trip

PAT SULLIVAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Andrea Bargnani goes up next to Yao Ming in Houston last night. Bargnani and Chris Bosh both scored 25 points apiece but Toronto lost their third straight, 107-97. For a complete game recap, visit metronews.ca/sports.

Sports in brief

MLS A deal allowing David Beckham to extend his stay with AC Milan through the end of the Italian season is close but not yet complete, Milan chairman Adriano Galliani said yesterday.

MLS Toronto FC announced yesterday that they have signed defenders Emmanuel Gomez and Amadou Sanyang to MLS contracts. Gomez was acquired from the Gambian 1st Division, while Sanyang arrives from Real de Banjul Football Club in Gambia.

CFL John Hufnagel, who guided the Calgary Stampeders to the 2008 Grey Cup title, is the CFL's coach of the year. Hufnagel received the award at a luncheon yesterday after finishing first in voting conducted by the Football Reporters of Canada.

NBA The Denver Nuggets suspended Carmelo Anthony for last night's game in Detroit as a result of an "in-game transgression" Sunday against Indiana. The Denver Post, citing anonymous sources, said Anthony refused to come out of the game in the third quarter when coach George Karl tried to remove him.

Anthony

AHL A record-setting February for Jiri Tlusty has resulted in the Toronto Marlies forward being named the American Hockey League's player of the month. The 20-year-old winger matched a franchise record with four assists in a win over Grand Rapids on Feb. 8 and set a team mark by scoring five goals against Syracuse 10 days later. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Oden out again
Portland Trail Blazers centre Greg Oden is expected to miss at least another week because of a bone chip in his left knee. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tragic ending for player once traded for bats

"Bat Man" or "Bat Boy" — that's what they called him.

Ask hardcore baseball fans about John C. Odom and you'll likely get a blank stare. Yet millions of people have heard of him.

He was the minor leaguer traded for 10 maple bats.

It became a big joke last May, when word of the unusual swap got out, and Odom went from pitcher to punch line.

He kidded about the kooky deal that made him famous, saying it would make a better story if he reached the majors.

"People are like, 'I'd kill myself'" Odom said at the time, dismissing any such notion.

Six months after the trade, he was dead.

Medical examiners said Odom's death in Georgia Nov. 5 at age 26 was an accidental overdose from heroin, methamphetamine and alcohol.

Odom's death had drawn little notice by the start of spring training this year.

Now, former teammates, managers and officials keep asking a question for which there is no satisfying answer.

"I guarantee this trade thing really bothered him. That really worried me," said Dan Shwam, who managed Odom last year on the Laredo Broncos of the United League. "I really believe, knowing his background, that this drove him back to the bottle ... put him on the road to drugs again."

"I guarantee this trade thing really bothered him."
Dan Shwam

Odom wasn't on the path to stardom when the Calgary Vipers of the independent Golden Baseball League made him an instant curiosity.

The San Francisco Giants organization released Odom in spring training last year. Calgary offered a job, but because of a 1999 conviction for assault when Odom was a minor, he couldn't get into Canada.

On May 20, the team made the famous trade.

Calgary and Laredo nearly traded him for a player, but it fell apart. Bats, though, the Vipers could use. At $665 US for 10 bats, Laredo agreed to the unusual deal. At first, Odom lapped up the publicity. "Batman survives," he said.

But after rough outings Shwam noticed Odom becoming withdrawn. He called a team meeting. The message: No more talking about the trade by anyone. Odom pitched five good innings June 10 in what turned out to be his last start.

"He came in and said, 'Skip, I'm going home. I just can't take it. I've got to get my life straightened out,'" Shwam recalled.

And with that, Odom disappeared. In January, Shwam learned that Odom was dead.

"I was shocked," he said. "Unfortunately, it doesn't surprise me."

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The Pink Slip Party, every second Wednesday of the month at Montana, 145 John St., brings together professionals who have received pink slips. The aim of this networking event is to create an informal environment to share ideas, commiserate and to generally have a good time. See thepinkslipparty.com for more. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Counselling children through parental splits

Matters of the Heart

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After a divorce, kids can't be expected to just sever ties and move on, says counsellor Jancy King.

When parents split it's often the children who suffer the most.

Jancy King is a psychological associate at Toronto Psychological Services who provides counselling and other psychological services to children and their families. She frequently provides therapy to children who go through a parental split and says a family break-up is often just as devastating to them as it is to their parents.

"Children grieve a lost relationship just as much as adults do. Jealously, angst and hurt feelings can run deep," King said.

Unlike parents who often just want to make a clean break and get on with their lives after a split, kids can't be expected to just sever ties and move on.

"The child hasn't got a car to jump into and race away in anger — he or she is stuck," King said.

The hardest part of King's job is often dealing with parents who don't realize the importance of letting their child maintain a healthy relationship with their former spouse or significant other.

"Even if mom hates dad's guts, it helps if she says, 'Here, let me help you pack to see daddy.' It's important to realize your child is not getting divorced — you are," King said.

"The child hasn't got a car to jump into and race away in anger — he or she is stuck."
Jancy King

Since children aren't always capable of expressing themselves as fully as adults, King often uses play therapy to create a non-threatening setting where kids of all ages can feel comfortable and express themselves more openly than they could through talking alone. King's play therapy room is packed full of toys and games meant to inspire constructive thought as well as puppets representing a large variety of ethnic backgrounds to encourage kids to confront their anxieties with role-play.

Now in her 50s and with more than 30 years of experience counselling kids and families, King says she still feels for kids hurt by parental break-ups and other tough family problems.

"My heart goes out to these children. It's hard to watch a child who is four throw themselves on the floor and cry and cry and cry," King said.

To ease the process, parents need to be mature and put their children first.

"Think carefully before the split and have serious discussions with one another on how you're going to support one another so that the children are okay," she said.

King says helping kids conquer their pain is still the greatest part of her job.

"Seeing a child leaving us feeling confident and happy — that's still the reward."

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Morale boost key in times of recession

EMPLOYMENT To offset the effects of a sagging economy, companies are taking steps to boost employee morale, a new survey finds. Nearly seven in 10 (68 per cent) chief financial officers (CFOs) interviewed said they are implementing strategies to buoy the mood of their teams. However, not all employers have jumped on the bandwagon — more than one in four (26 per cent) executives said their firms aren't doing anything to improve morale.

The most common way businesses are attempting to raise workplace morale is through increased and improved communication, cited by 37 per cent of respondents. Also of note, nearly one in five (18 per cent) CFOs said their companies have offered their employees additional financial awards.

The survey was developed by Accountemps. It was conducted by an independent research firm and is based on interviews with more than 1,400 CFOs.

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Clarification

James Allard will be lecturing on TVO's Best Lecturer series this Saturday. An article that appeared in yesterday's Metro had the incorrect date.

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As the global financial crisis continues, workers left behind can be affected in many ways as their colleagues are dismissed.

Survivor's syndrome hits employees hard

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Pink slips don't scare Greg Skura anymore. After decades of odd jobs and hard work, he's become well acquainted with the employer's chopping block.

"When I was younger, I'd take layoffs to heart," said the 47-year-old from Pickering, Ont. "But now, I don't take them personally. Often it's because of the economy."

When facing job loss, Skura — who has printed newspapers, driven trucks, installed doors, and sorted eggs — isn't worried about the uncertain path ahead.

Instead, he turns his attention to those left behind.

"It's my co-workers I feel sorry for," said Skura, currently employed as an Internet technician. "They're the ones picking up the slack, doing double the work and wondering whether they're next to go."

As the global financial crisis continues, workers watch as companies are downsized and colleagues are dismissed. When an employee survives a round of layoffs, their relief can be followed by guilt or anxiety.

Career coaches and management experts have dubbed this "survivor's syndrome."

"Layoff survivors can experience grief for many reasons," said Aaron Schat, assistant professor of organizational behaviour at McMaster University. "They've kept their employment but might feel it was at a colleague's expense."

As well, remaining employees might fear that there are more layoffs to come. This can be a stressful distraction for workers, who'll start to feel unmotivated, expendable or wary of their bosses.

Schat added that managers should demonstrate warmth and compassion when conducting layoffs to prevent a morale drop amongst remaining employees.

Three weeks ago, Therese Arsenault would have appreciated that compassion as a company she'd served for 13 years dismissed her and nine others.

"The whole process was cold," said the former telecommunications trainer from Montreal. "We were called to a conference room and the people conducting the meeting were half-an-hour late."

Riding the **Recession**

Since the layoff, surviving colleagues have approached Arsenault and expressed both shock and sympathy. She believes her former co-workers don't need to apologize.

"In a big company, decisions like this are not made at the employee level," she said. "The individuals you worked with might feel sorry for you, but they have no business feeling guilty."

Although surviving employees might not be at fault, Marjorie Armstrong-Stassen has seen post-layoff stress in the workplace first-hand.

"People in downsizing companies have told me they think the ones who've lost their jobs are the lucky ones," said the management professor at the University of Windsor.

Often, when companies lay off over 20 per cent of their workforce, dismissed employees will receive large severance and early retirement packages. Surviving employees left with twice the work can experience feelings of jealousy.

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Silence equals dishonesty: Court

WorkplaceLaw

After moving to Canada from Ghana and graduating from Simon Fraser University, Eric Obeng soon took a job with a Vancouver area Canada Safeway store as a cashier. After seven years, he was an assistant manager at Canada Safeway's Ocean Park store in Surrey, B.C. Obeng had ambitious goals at his job. He wanted to run the whole company.

Staying late at the store one evening to perform an out-of-stock count, Obeng was seen leaving with a number of bags, which some other employees thought "appeared" to contain groceries. Although none of the employees actually saw what Obeng placed in the bags, they all reached the same conclusion: Obeng had taken merchandise.

The staff reported that Obeng might have been stealing to the store's manager, who arranged for an investigation into Obeng's activities. Donald Brost — a retired RCMP Officer — was brought in.

In the course of the investigation, Obeng was told that that other staff had seen him take groceries without paying, and he was then asked to give his evidence of what happened. Obeng denied he had done anything wrong but offered no explanation for why he was seen with the bags. He later said at trial that he felt "shocked, surprised and devastated at being accused of theft."

Brost completed his report and submitted it to Canada Safeway's District Manager, Mark Townsend, who had to determine whether any discipline was necessary. In reviewing the report, he noticed that Obeng did not provide any explanation to contradict the reports from the staff, so he invited to Obeng to explain what happened. Obeng continued to simply deny that he had done anything wrong. He was fired for theft and breach of trust. Obeng sued for wrongful dismissal, and the parties next met in court.

At trial, Justice Elaine Adair determined that Canada Safeway could not prove that Obeng had actually taken anything from the store without paying. She commented that the witnesses could not positively say they saw Obeng leave the store with anything other than his own property and that the most likely conclusion was that the staff simply misinterpreted the evidence of what Obeng had been doing.

However, by failing to explain what he was doing during the investigation, Justice Adair found that Obeng had not acted truthfully, thereby breaching the implied duty of honesty and faithfulness owed by him to his employer. Obeng kept quiet "in circumstances where an explanation was clearly called for and where he was obligated to provide one," according to Canada Safeway's policy on internal investigations that Obeng signed when he first started work, she wrote.

While lying during the course of an investigation may be deemed cause for dismissal, Canadian employees should pause given the court's willingness to also equate silence with dishonesty.

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Prius tops again

Despite the arrival of more gasoline/electric hybrids, the Toyota Prius took Consumer Reports' top "green" award for the sixth straight year, Canadian Driver reports. Other 2009 top picks included Hyundai Elantra SE for small sedan and Toyota RAV4 for small SUV.

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Grow your greens with Ford

Upcoming Fusion Hybrid's a handsome machine with an eco heart

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

The 2010 Fusion Hybrid is the first time the model's been offered as a gasoline-electric hybrid. It also features an improved interior (inset).

2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid

Type: Mid-size hybrid sedan
Price: Not available
Engine: 2.5 L four-cylinder engine with electric motor, nickel hydride (NiMH) battery pack
HP: 155

Highlights

- Eco-friendly and fuel efficient
- Improved interior
- Good highway performance

My Ford Fusion is sprouting leaves. The gauge starts with a branch, and as I drive along with my foot as light as possible on the throttle, the greenery starts to grow. Eventually, I'm rewarded with a forest for my fuel-miserly method.

Naturally, this is no ordinary Fusion. Ford's midsize sedan is overhauled for 2010, with all receiving new engines and six-speed automatic transmissions. My ride, the Fusion Hybrid, is the first time it's been offered as a gasoline-electric hybrid. Pricing will be announced closer to its on-sale date.

It uses a 2.5 L four-cylinder engine with electric motor, nickel hydride (NiMH) battery pack, and a continuously variable transmission (CVT). The combination produces 155 horsepower and 136 lb-ft of torque.

It's a "full" hybrid and can run on electricity alone, something its only domestic competitor, the Chevrolet Malibu/Saturn Aura Hybrid, cannot. Ford says it'll stay on battery power alone at speeds up to 75 km/h. As with every current factory hybrid, the Fusion Hybrid doesn't get plugged in, but uses energy from braking to recharge the battery.

In the U.S., Fusion rates at 5.7 L/100 km in the city. Our testing methods will give slightly different numbers, but Ford says it'll be the most fuel-efficient midsize sedan available.

Although the Hybrid's exterior doesn't look any different from its conventional siblings, save for its badges, the instrument cluster contains Ford's new "SmartGauge," including a system it calls EcoGuide. Two LCD screens on either side of the speedometer are configurable through wheel-mounted buttons to four levels. Each adds information, starting with the simplest display of fuel and battery charge status; from there, you can add items such as a gauge to show when the car's running on electricity, power consumption from accessories, power output, and the foliage feature. It's gimmicky, but it's fun: drive more economically, and the branches sprout more leaves, while a lead foot makes them fall off.

The gauge I found most useful was the engine threshold, which shows how close the car is to switching to either gasoline or electricity. You can't manually control it, in that there's no button to go back or forth; rather, the system determines it by how much power is required. Knowing how close you are to the threshold lets you adjust your driving for maximum efficiency.

Still, there's a down side: too often, I was watching the gauges instead of the road. Yes, you can turn them off, but I think few people will.

A hybrid has to work as a driving machine too, and for that, Ford's done a very good job. The switch from gasoline to electric is seamless, and the car is very quiet. Steering is responsive, highway performance is fine, and when needed, it's very peppy and has power for highway passing.

The new styling is handsome, and the interior is a considerable improvement over the outgoing model in quality of materials and workmanship. Expect this one to do well for itself when it arrives in Canada.

Get rolling with the pure nitrogen fix

AutoPilot
Michael Goetz
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Unlike oxygen, nitrogen is lazy. It doesn't attack rubber like oxygen does over time, and it stays in the tire, much like a middle-aged, neutered and de-clawed cat prefers to stay in the house.

You might be putting nitrogen on your back lawn, but are you installing it in your tires? Don't tell me you're still going with air? Come on people, air is so last century.

The compressed air normally injected into tires contains about 78 per cent nitrogen, 21 per cent oxygen, and one per cent other gases. Going with 100 per cent nitrogen gives you several theoretical benefits.

One, unlike oxygen, nitrogen is lazy. It doesn't attack rubber like oxygen does over time, and it stays in the tire, much like a middle-aged, neutered and de-clawed cat prefers to stay in the house. The theory is that nitrogen molecules are fatter than nitrogen molecules, and so are less apt to (eventually) wiggle through rubber membranes and/or slip through gaps in the rim/tire seal.

Two, nitrogen contains absolutely no moisture, which can sometimes make up as much as five per cent of compressed air. Moisture can lead to rust in steel wheels. The absence of moisture also means nitrogen expands and contracts less in extreme temperatures, for more consistent tire pressures.

Finally, nitrogen is not combustible, like oxygen, which is why nitrogen is used in aircraft tires. This is probably not so big a benefit to the average car driver — if the rubber on your tire is about to catch fire, because, well, the rest of the car is on fire, then you probably have bigger things to worry about.

But add all those things up and you can see why nitrogen is literally and figuratively displacing air as the preferred gas for tire inflation. Hey, all the Formula 1 teams use it, and so can you.

It's available at most tire suppliers, for about 10 bucks a tire. Some vendors even throw it into the deal, when you pony up for new rubber.

Last fall, when I took our family car in to have the summer tires swapped for winter tires, the tech casually asked if I wanted the nitrogen experience. I said, "Give it to me, man." He grabbed a hose and made like he was going to stick it in my mouth. Funny guy. Then he hooked it up to the valve stem of the front left tire. The nitrogen unit sucked all the "regular air" out, then pumped nitrogen back in. The transfusion on all four tires took less than 10 minutes.

Then he fitted the cool fluorescent green stem caps, which announce to the world that the tires are now filled with something better than air. Even though I felt a little pang for air, which I have a soft spot for (it has served me well, in so many ways, for so many years), I drove off with the satisfaction of making one, small, modern move.

Filling up tires with nitrogen instead of regular air has several benefits, columnist Michael Goetz says.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for more than 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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Know thy insurance

Shop around for best deals, experts advise

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

Riding the Recession

Vehicle insurance can be one of the most expensive portions of your yearly budget, and one of the most frustrating to understand. Since it's mandatory to have insurance in order to drive a vehicle anywhere in Canada, there are a few things we can do to change our situation, both for new car buyers and existing owners. While it may only end up being a savings of $50, in these touchy economic times, that $50 can go a long way.

Andrew Wicken, general manager of InsuranceHotline.com, says that shopping around is the easiest way to try and save money. The services provided at InsuranceHotline.com include the option to compare up to 30 different quotes from various insurance companies across Canada.

"While the coverage itself remains the same, the difference comes from how those companies internally deal with risk and other factors," Wicken said. Companies could have hugely varying rates depending on which customer type they're trying to attract and what other promotions they might have running.

Wicken said that the benefit of a program like InsuranceHotline.com is that it's not owned by anyone affiliated with an insurance company, and the program is free for customers to use.

"We make our money on the back end, by giving good, qualified leads to insurance companies who pay to have us pass their quotes along."

Kanetix.ca, which originated in Canada but recently moved into Britain and United States, also offers a similar service.

David Hackett, of Markham, Ont.-based Buckley Insurance believes that when it comes to factors directly influencing the quote, things like location and vehicle type perhaps are the most obvious ones, although being a better driver certainly helps as well.

"Keep a clean driving record," he said. "Seeing the number of tickets and charges on your licence is extremely easy for an insurance company to do nowadays, and that usually leads to higher rates."

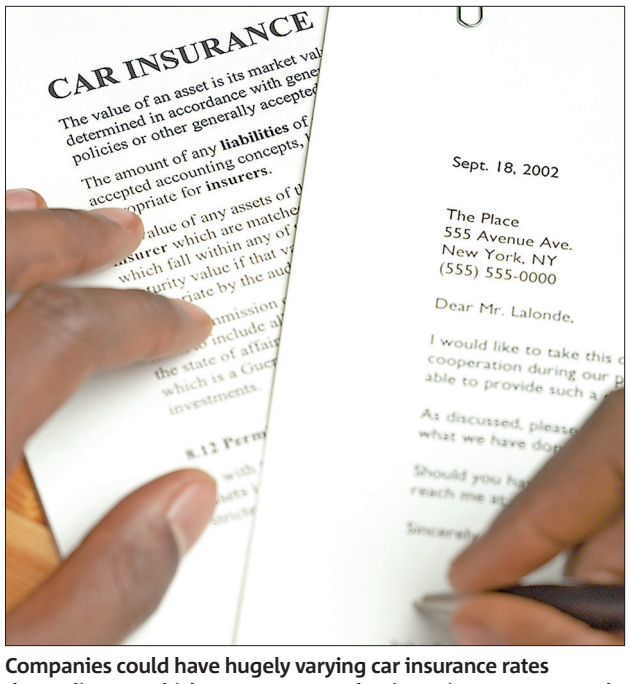
Hackett also said that there are certain companies who will give discounts for things like hybrids or other 'green' vehicles, in keeping with today's environmental concerns.

Finally, both Wicken and Hackett offered other money-saving tips such as agreeing to a higher deductible than the 'standard' $500 (provided you can afford it should you need to use it), getting an aftermarket theft-deterrent system, and combining both vehicle and house or apartment insurance policies with one company.

Even taking a recognized driver training program like Young Drivers will help lower rates, although Hackett said that the latter only really benefits new drivers from their first to third years behind the wheel.

Can you afford the insurance?

- Before you sign the sales contract for your new vehicle, make sure you'll be able to afford the insurance!
- Typically, try to decide on three or four different vehicles you're shopping for first, and use the free services from companies like InsuranceHotline.com or Kanetix.ca to find the least expensive policies and rates. That way, you'll have a better idea of how much your new vehicle will cost you on a monthly basis.



Companies could have hugely varying car insurance rates depending on which customer type they're trying to attract and what other promotions they might have running.

The Maserati Gran Turismo is among the many macho, expensive, ultra sports cars on display at the Geneva auto show.

It's all green and lean in Geneva

EMMA E FORREST
Metro World News

Obviously the latest trends at the annual Geneva auto show, which held its press day yesterday, all involve saving the industry, by cutting both costs and emissions.

Eco-friendly cars are parked throughout the show, with electric and hybrid cars including the production Chevrolet Spark, the long-range five-door Opel Ampera EV based on the U.S. hybrid Chevrolet Volt, and concepts including the cute Toyota IQ EV, and the fun Mitusbishi I EV Sport Air with its back-to-front looks.

There's also a focus on small, low-emission cars including the European version of the Indian Tata Nano, the tiny city car set to suit the credit-crunched pocket — adorable even if it's like sitting inside a shopping trolley.

Despite economy, Geneva is awash with powerful, expensive, ultra sports cars, including the 670 bhp Lamborghini Murcielago LP670-4 Superveloce, Aston Martin One-77, Bentley Super Continental, Maserati Gran Turismo and Ferrari 599XX.

The two genres might not be as incompatible as one thinks, however — as one of my car pals points out, the greenest car company is probably Bugatti, as owners rarely use them as they're basically just very expensive toys, and that cars like that are lovingly maintained and garaged and therefore stay on the road for years longer than your average Ford Fiesta.

Other manufacturers failed to capitalize on their past successes. Citroen's much-hyped rebooting of its iconic DS brand didn't make much of an impact. Meanwhile, Mercedes Benz showcased its new E-Class cars alongside its beautiful models from the 1950s and '60s, thereby showing up their lack of design innovation and flair in the last few years.

The Toyota concept car IQ EV.

Volvo announces revamped S80

MODEL Volvo recently announced that it has made some styling and engineering changes for the 2010 S80, refreshing the exterior and interior of the vehicle. It has also added two new chassis options.

The refreshed S80 made its debut shown at the Geneva Motor Show yesterday.

"From the outside, the refreshed S80 looks both larger and more elegant," explains Volvo Cars design director Steve Mattin. "But we've also given it a tougher face. In Germany, they talk about the 'böser blick', that is to say the front of the car should look rather menacing when it fills the rearview mirror of the car in front. However, the refreshed S80 should not just be seen, it has to be experienced. The atmosphere inside is both more comfortable and luxurious, with an increased aura of craftsmanship. We've also made the interior more driver-oriented, not least with a new steering wheel and upgraded instruments. Our chassis and engine experts have made sure the driving experience is as exclusively attractive as the interior is."

Volvo S80

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Pop plan
The mayor of Venice is squaring off with bar owners and local media over his plan to install Coca-Cola vending machines in the world famous city of gondolas, masked street performers and flooded streets. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Travel

Is he kidding?

Michael O'Leary, the CEO of budget airline Ryanair, caused a minor furore by musing that passengers may soon have to pay to use the on-board washrooms. But since O'Leary is also well-known for his PR-generating abilities, no one's sure whether he's joking.

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A spectacular winter playground

Greenland's snowy sports have lured enthusiasts from around the globe

SUSANNE SAYERS
Metro World News

"It would be nice to have a bit more snow now so we can get our skis on," says a local, looking longingly at the mountain near the town of Ilulissat, Greenland. It's October, and the first snow has already fallen — but it's not yet enough for skiing. Perhaps unsurprisingly, Greenlanders are devoted ski fans.

When most locals refer to skiing, they're talking about the cross-country variety. In this enormous land, the possibilities for cross-country trails are endless, and the locals make great use of them.

Tourists can sign up for short or long trips depending on ability and time frame. On a shorter trip you can ski for several days, sleeping in tents or huts on the way.

Opt for a longer trek, and you could be heading out on expedition across the inland ice from west to east Greenland. This memorable experience takes several weeks and suits skiiers who possess great endurance.

If you're fantastically fit, you could also choose to participate in the Arctic Circle Race, which begins in Sisimut by the polar circle on Greenland's west coast. It takes place over three days, and the route is 160 kilometres long. It's said to be the hardest ski race in the world.

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Dogsledding in Uummannaq, Greenland.

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If you'd rather hit the slopes, you'll find ski lifts in Nuuk, Greenland's capital, and in the northern town of Sisimiut.

There's also a full ski resort at the Apussuit glacier at Maniitsoq on the west coast, close to the polar circle — that's a resort known by skiers far and wide. Several national ski teams have even stayed there.

However, when foreign ski enthusiasts wax poetic about skiing in Greenland, they're mainly talking about heliskiing. The country is one of the best places in the world to be transported by helicopter to untouched slopes.

If you go to the east coast, it's more than likely that you are indeed the first skier to ever traverse a particular area. In addition to that thrill, you're enveloped by silence, part of what devotees say makes the country such an attractive destination.

And the off-piste areas are located at lower altitudes than you generally encounter in Europe or North America, meaning there's more oxygen in the air — a real advantage when you're expending a lot of effort.

Depending on the region, the season can stretch all the way into the summer months, so you can pretty much ski day and night. In April and May, the sun stays in the sky most of the time.

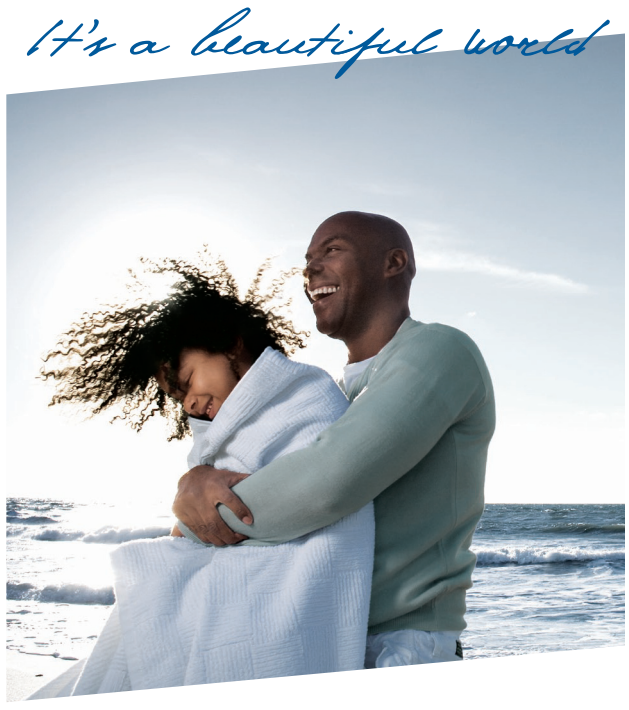
By scooter and dog sled

Greenland also affords the unique opportunity to combine skiing with a trip on a dog sled or a snow scooter.

A short trip lasting a couple of hours doesn't demand much fitness, since your main task is to sit on the sled while the dogs pull. But because you're travelling surprisingly quickly, you do need to remember to hold on. Sometimes even an experienced sled driver falls off; if the dogs decide to head back home, the driver is in for a long walk.

On longer dog sled trips, you sleep in huts or tents along the way. These trips do require a bit more fitness, since you can't sit constantly on the sled for long stretches at a time without serious posterior pain.

On the upside, you're wrapped in warm, soft reindeer furs and travelling through a spectacular landscape. You know for certain that you've embarked on a one-of-a-kind winter wonderland experience.



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Dumping ground in paradise

Lack of ban in Caribbean means cruise ships free to toss trash

Far from shore in the open Caribbean Sea, cruise ships are dumping ground-up glass, rags and cardboard packaging. But vessels in other waters such as the Baltic and North seas are prohibited from throwing any solid waste overboard other than food scraps.

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A cruise ship is seen docked at the Basseterre port in the Caribbean island of St. Kitts. Three miles from shore, the cruise ships that flock to the Caribbean cross a boundary where the sea becomes a dump for metal, glass and other waste that is flushed overboard.

The difference? Many countries with coastlines on the world's most fragile seas abide by a United Nations dumping ban that requires them to treat ship-generated garbage on land. Caribbean islands, however, have yet to adopt the ban, saying they simply don't have the capacity to treat ship garbage on shore. They also fear the ban could push ships to dock in less-regulated ports of call.

"We don't have space to take nothing from nobody," said Travis Johnson, assistant harbour master in Saba, an island of 1,500 people that is building a new pier to accommodate larger cruise ships.

The UN's International Maritime Organization outlawed dumping in 1993 for the Caribbean, a largely enclosed area where the string of islands blocks currents that would flush waste into the Atlantic Ocean. It will not take effect, however, until enough of the surrounding nations report their capacity for treating trash from cruise ships — information that the vast majority of nations so far have withheld.

The UN created the ban to protect areas that are vulnerable because of heavy ship traffic or sensitive ecology. It has already taken effect in the Antarctic, the Baltic Sea, the North Sea and the Persian Gulf and is due to come into force in the Mediterranean in May.

Environmentalists say debris dumped in the ocean can entangle sea creatures, damage water quality and alter ecosystems by providing habitats for opportunistic organisms.

Ignoring the ban also has its consequences for tourism. Some trash washes ashore with the winds and currents, fouling the beaches. In the Cayman Islands, the government has traced milk cartons on shore to a passing cruise ship.

"If you just dump this out at sea, eventually it gets back up on land," said Jeff Ramos, a Curacao-based U.S. Coast Guard officer.

In the Mediterranean, environmental officials say coastal nations are highly aware of marine litter and did not resist the ban.

"The issue of garbage from ships is very well-documented, at least in our region," said Lilia Khodjet El Khil, a Malta-based officer with the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Center for the Mediterranean.

Under current Caribbean regulations, ships can begin dumping garbage, including metal, glass and paper, five kilometres from shore as long as it is ground to less than 2.5 centimetres. Almost anything but plastic can be dumped beyond 40 kilometres.

The ban, if approved, would outlaw discharging of any solid waste at any distance except for food, which could still be dumped five kilometres from shore.

The islands scattered across the Caribbean have struggled to establish a common policy because when it comes to the cruise industry, they see themselves as competitors. Cruise ship arrivals are major economic events, with passengers spending roughly $1.5 billion US annually in Caribbean ports.

In one notorious example, Carnival Cruise Line withdrew from Grenada in 1999 amid a dispute over $1.50-a-head tax to pay for a new landfill.

A trade group that speaks for the cruise industry would not give its position on the ban, other than to say it abides by all current regulations and already is taking steps on its own to eliminate overboard dumping.

Most ships under the umbrella of the Cruise Lines International Association have stopped discharges of solid waste in the Caribbean, according to a statement from the Florida-based group. It said some cruise liners, equipped with on-board incinerators, compactors and recycling programs, now generate less non-recycled waste than resorts on land.

> **"If you just dump this out at sea, eventually it gets back up on land."**
> Jeff Ramos, U.S. Coast Guard officer

The amount of garbage washing up on the islands from cruise ships has decreased significantly over the last 15 years, said Allen Chastanet, a former chairman of the Caribbean Tourism Organization. Small, developing countries have not been able to impose the ban also because of divisions over who should pay to treat waste, said Chastanet, the tourism minister for St. Lucia.

The UN and the U.S. Coast Guard have held seminars on six islands to push for a regional approach in the wider Caribbean, which includes the Gulf of Mexico. The officers have stressed how vulnerable their tourism-driven economies are to pollution fouling their coastlines.

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Indonesia opens tsunami museum

Indonesia has opened a $5.6 million US museum to commemorate the 230,000 people who died in the 2004 Asian tsunami.

The four-level building in hardest-hit Aceh province exhibits photographs of victims, stories of survivors and an electronic simulation of the massive undersea earthquake that triggered the nine-metre-high waves.

It also describes the tremendous outpouring of support from governments, companies and individuals in the aftermath of the Dec. 26, 2004 disaster, which caused death and destruction in a dozen nations.

> **"They should be taking care of us first."**
> Anisah Tahir, Aceh resident

More than $13 billion was pledged to house and feed survivors and to rebuild devastated coasts.

The government says the museum, designed by local architect Ridwan Kamil, is an important part of the recovery process, paying tribute to those who died and explaining to future generations what happened.

The opening last month was not without controversy. More than 700 families are still living in barracks in Aceh, which was home to two-thirds of the victims, and some were disappointed to see millions of dollars being spent on a monument.

"They should be taking care of us first," said Anisah Tahir, 50, who has been living with her husband and two children in a room in a squalid camp in the provincial capital, Banda Aceh.

Indonesia is located in the so-called Pacific "Ring of Fire," an arc of volcanoes and fault lines encircling the Pacific Basin, and is one of the world's most earthquake-prone regions.

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Thailand tourism officials hope a new drink called Siam Sunrays will enter the world's cocktail lexicon and draw tourists back to the country. It includes vodka, coconut liqueur, chili, sugar and lime juice. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wine country: Nova Scotia

It's not Napa. It's not even the Okanagan or Niagara. With roughly 162 hectares of grapes under cultivation, Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley is in its infancy when it comes to wine production.

But size is proving no impediment to a growing number of visitors who are discovering the charms of the area's boutique wineries. Growers and promoters, meanwhile, are awakening to its potential as a tourism destination.

"If visitors have the least interest in wine they will seek you out," says Susan Corkum of Sainte Famille wines in Falmouth, N.S., one of the first vineyards to become a stop on local wine tours.

Sainte Famille, which boasts the oldest commercially producing Marechal Foch vines in the province, was among the first to develop a family-focused harvest wine festival that is drawing increasing numbers of local and international visitors 17 years later.

"We tour the vineyards, sample the grapes, walk through the cellars. There's live music, harvest fest food and grape-stomping contests," says Corkum.

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Bruce Ewert, owner of L'Acadie Vineyards, inspects his vineyard in Gaspereau Valley, N.S. in late October, 2008.

"I really think that the Annapolis Valley will become the next Niagara of Canada."
Sean Buckland

The Nova Scotia Winery Association, which represents a growing list of local producers, has since launched a month-long harvest festival and has even begun extending the wine lovers experience into winter with an annual celebration of Nova Scotia's award-winning icewines.

Sommeliers Sean Buckland and Mark DeWolfe were among the first to jump into the fray in 2004 by starting their own wine tour business, which they've since sold to Ambassatours Gray Line.

The tour can be a small, intimate affair in a nine-passenger van or a corporate day out on a bus that seats 55.

"We begin with what we call our smell game, giving guests a variety of different scents like citrus or vanilla to help prepare them for the wine experience," says Buckland.

The tour might also involve a stop at a local artisanal cheese maker or lunch with paired local wines at Domaine de Grand Pre's Le Caveau or chef Michael Howell's Tempest restaurant in Wolfville, about an hour's drive northwest from Halifax.

Buckland is upbeat about the local industry's future.

"I really think that the Annapolis Valley will become the next Niagara of Canada," he says.

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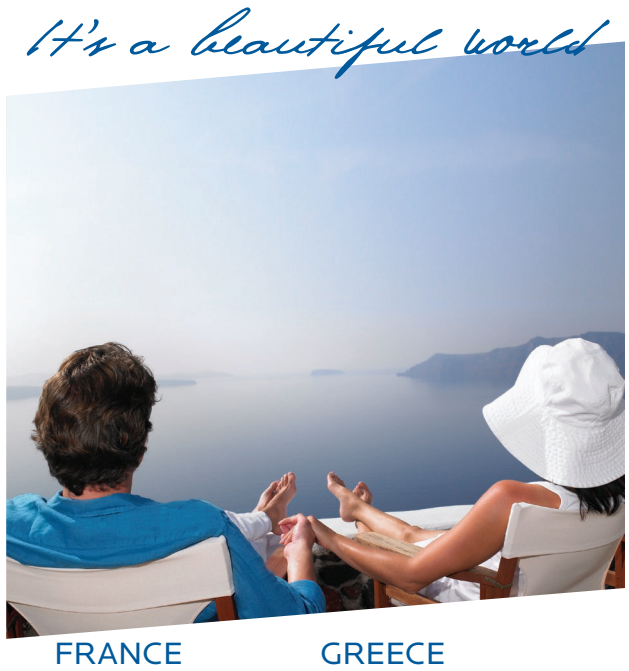

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Happy 400th

Bermuda celebrates its 400th anniversary this year, and a new exhibition called Jamestown and Bermuda: Virginia Company Colonies looks at the shared history and links between England's first two permanent colonies in the New World; see historyisfun.org. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Challenging races in scenic places

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE Outside magazine's March issue lists "the best races of the next year," with great backdrops and interesting courses. They include:

• Pole Pedal Paddle, April 4 in Jackson, Wyo., with the Tetons as a backdrop for the skiing, biking and boating race.

• Sea Otter Classic, April 16-19, a biking competition with 10,000 participants in Monterey, Calif.

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Cooking up a storm in Turkey

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JULIA DIMON/FOR METRO CANADA

Ebru Baydemir, owner of Cercis Murat, is a famous female entrepreneur in eastern Anatolia.

Mardin is a charming town in the Turkish region of southeastern Anatolia. Located high above the Tigris-Euphrates river basins, it's rich with religious tradition, historical significance and ancient sandstone architecture.

It's also home to tasty local snacks, from pomegranate salads to stuffed tripe to grape-syrup kebabs. Blending Turkish and Syrian flavours, Mardin fusion cuisine made for meals unlike anything I'd tried in other parts of the country.

Likewise, the celebrated Mardin eatery Cercis Murat Konagi isn't your typical Turkish restaurant. Overlooking the vast expanse of the scorching Mesopotamian plain, this former Armenian mansion dating back to the 1800s not only serves succulent Turkish cuisine, it also offers hands-on cooking courses for tourists.

Cercis Murat's four-hour cooking class began with a trip to market. Ebru Baydemir, a local celebrity entrepreneur known as the first female restaurateur in eastern Anatolia, took me to a lively commercial center, where vendors hawked ripe, colorful vegetables.

On the hunt for ingredients, side-stepping the occasional donkey, we carefully selected a handful of deep purple eggplants, blood-red tomatoes, eye-watering onions and warm flatbreads. Supplies in hand, we returned to the kitchen, slipped on cloth hairnets, tied our aprons and got cooking.

Ebru told me that classes and meals can be customized according to tourists' interests but that icli kofte — fried, stuffed meatballs — is a classic dish. I followed her tutelage and got my hands dirty.

Wrist deep in cracked wheat, onion, mince and allspice, I shaped the falafel-like shells into egg-sized balls and plopped them into a skillet of searing hot oil. The fragrant smell of onion and steaming mince filled the kitchen, a good indication of the gastronomical delights yet to come.

Stirring, mixing, chopping and dicing, I learned cooking techniques from a crew of female chefs. In this region of Turkey, women don't traditionally work outside of the home but Ebru has broken new ground, giving local women a chance at employment.

The restaurant has become so popular that it's won several awards for best views and has even attracted the attention of Prince Charles, who visited there with his royal entourage in 2004 for a private function.

As my kofte cooled, I was ready to dive into my next dish, Patlicanli pilav, a type of upside-down casserole made with lamb, chickpeas, onions, rice, eggplant and lots of cinnamon.

No doubt, the best part of a cooking class is eating your homework. Sitting at a rectangular table adorned with elegant silver cutlery and crisply folded napkins, I chowed down a delicious home-cooked feast.

Fingers drizzling with lamb juice, the chefs (and my taste buds) agreed that the meal was a success. It was worth the charge of 100 lira (about $75 Cdn), a fee that includes a trip to the market, all the ingredients and lessons.

Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels, airing Sundays at 8:30 p.m. EST on OLN; juliadimon.com.

Mardin

How to get there: Turkish Airlines offers daily, direct two-hour flights from Istanbul to Mardin; see thy.com.

Where to stay: Erdoba Konaklari is a charming boutique hotel in the heart of the old town. The historic mansion has wide stone terraces and rooms over looking Mesopotamia; see erdoba.com.tr.

Where to eat: For more information about the Cercis Murat cooking school, visit cercismurat.com and click on "translate this" to see the English version.

Places to visit:

• Sultan Isa Medresesi, the town's architectural highlight.

• Bazaar along Cumhuriyet Caddesi for some unique bargain shopping.

• Mardin Castle, a natural rock structure turned fortification.

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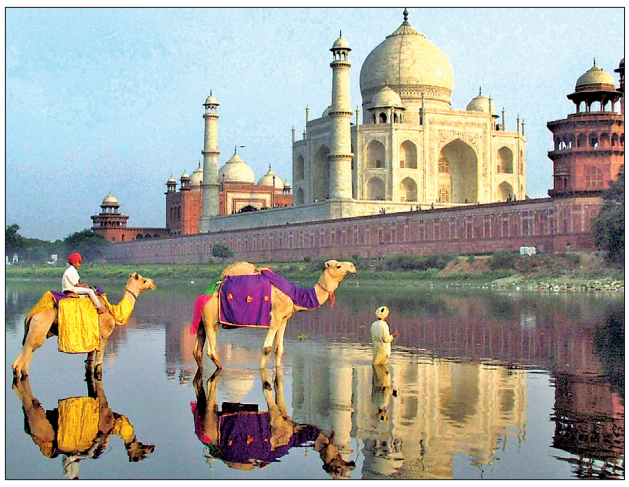
India's tourism industry loses its shine

Mumbai attacks, downturn are taking their toll

Like his father before him, tour guide Saleem Mohammad has spent decades guiding awe-struck foreigners through the Taj Mahal, the world's only heritage site built for love — a tribute from a Mughal emperor to his adored wife.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Camels stand in River Yamuna as a photographer takes pictures as The Taj Mahal is seen in the background in Agra, India.

"People usually know most of the story when they get here," he said, wandering through the immaculate gardens that encircle the Taj. "It's a place people plan a trip around."

This year, however, there are fewer people for him to trip around with. While winter is high season for tourism in India and February is usually Mohammad's busiest month, the worsening global recession and lingering fears after the November terror attacks in Mumbai have struck a blow to tourism throughout South Asia and India.

The slowdown has been especially painful in Agra because the city — which also boasts as world heritage sites the Agra Fort and the nearby red sandstone city Fatehpur Sikri — has become reliant on tourism. Many industries in Agra were pushed out of the city more than a decade ago because of concerns pollution was starting to discolour the white-marbled Taj, the city's biggest money-maker. Now, only electric-powered auto rickshaws and horse-drawn carriages are allowed to cart tourists to the Taj.

The number of foreign tourists visiting the Taj has slipped sharply: In December and January there were 87,129 foreign visitors, down one-third from 129,291 during the same period a year ago.

Mohammad walked along the marble courtyard around the Taj, pointing to high, arching alcoves with diamond-shapes in relief. "There used to be diamonds here, and silver doors, but when the British came, they carved them out.

"A few more Britishers today would be good," he said, grinning.

Hotels in this city of 1.5 million are similarly feeling the pinch. At the Clarks Shiraz hotel, one of Agra's original five-star hotels a few blocks from the Taj, room occupancies are running at 50 per cent this year, down from 85 to 90 per cent in prior years.

As the sun slipped below one of the Taj's looming gates on a recent Saturday evening, Mohammad launched into a history of the Taj, explaining how Shah Jahan, the Mughal "Emperor of the World" built the Taj to honour his wife Mumtaz who died at 39 giving birth to her 14th child.

After the first Taj was completed, Jahan planned another one, for himself, a mirror-image of the first to be built of black ebony. But the Shah's own son placed him under arrest, scuttling his plan. The Shah instead was buried next to his wife in the white Taj.

"The world's greatest love story," Mohammad said simply. "People will come back. It just might not be for awhile."

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Entertainment

Candy girl

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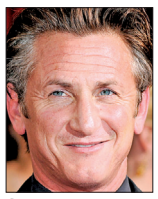
Penn pushes for Milk Day


Sean Penn

PEOPLE Fresh from his best actor Oscar for his performance as gay leader Harvey Milk, Sean Penn is pushing California to officially recognize the late politician's birthday.

State Senator Mark Leno plans to reintroduce a bill yesterday with Penn by his side designating Milk's birthday a "day of significance."

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed the same bill last year. In his veto message, the governor said Milk should be honoured in San Francisco, where he was a city supervisor, but not statewide. Leno says Penn's award shows that the argument about Milk being only of local interest no longer holds up.

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Oklahoma rocks to The Flaming Lips

MUSIC A song by the alternative rock band The Flaming Lips has been given a big statewide kiss in Oklahoma.

Their tune Do You Realize?? was named the state's official rock song, beating out more famous songs written or recorded by Oklahomans such as Heartbreak Hotel, co-written by former Oklahoma school teacher Mae Boren Axton and recorded by Elvis Presley.

"We have an official state folk song and a state country song. With as many outstanding rock artists as we have in Oklahoma, it was time to recognize this music," said Senator Mike Schulz. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

No ordinary comic

New Watchmen film ventures into grim territory

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

The emotionally disturbed, semi-retired, latex-wearing crusaders who populate Watchmen are the opposite of heroic, they're anti-heroes straight out of the most nihilistic film noir.

This Friday, there is no doubt going to be a fair chunk of Metro readers that drop their hard earned duckets and file into their local multiplex to see the latest Day-Glo pop pulp comic book blockbuster, the heavily hyped and mass merchandised epic Watchmen.

But before you do friends, you'd be wise to take a moment and read the following passages, a primer to the most anticipated film of the year thus far.

First of all dear readers, be aware that this is not your daddy's brand of superhero saga and those expecting the movie to be in line with the PG rated likes of Spider-Man or X-Men should give their collective heads a shake.

Based on the beloved cult graphic novel by cantankerous British visionary Alan Moore, Watchmen ventures into the very essence of grim and takes few prisoners. The emotionally disturbed, semi-retired, latex-wearing crusaders who populate the picture are the opposite of heroic, they're anti-heroes straight out of the most nihilistic film noir and their helpful attempts to save lives don't always end well.

As directed by Zack Snyder, the guy who splashed buckets of blood over the rock hard abs of the screaming Spartans in 300, and who two years prior to that unleashed a cannibalistic zombie apocalypse in his remake of Dawn of the Dead, the film is also one of the most brutally violent pictures of the year, littered with broken bodies and spraying arteries of every persuasion.

Movie **feature**

Violence isn't the only thing that sets Watchmen apart, the film is also graphically sexual to boot. If you've ever fantasized about Bat Girl hooking up with Captain America, then this movie is for you. If not, well, you've been warned.

But perhaps most importantly, Watchmen is incredibly sophisticated entertainment, as intellectually and morally challenging as it is visceral and erotic. It asks its audience some pointed questions about the world they live in and refuses to pander to shrinking violet sensibilities.

So if you plan to see it, eat your greens, rest up and bring the biggest cup of caffeine you can fit into your cupholder (the film is almost three hours long) because Watchmen takes its pen and ink origins very seriously and expects its audience to do the same.

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Jackson to perform in London
Sky News is reporting that Michael Jackson will perform a string of concerts in London this summer. The 50-year-old will end his exile as a live performer by staging a residency at the 02 Arena. The first dates of the concerts will be confirmed at a press conference on Thursday. **ANANOVA.COM**

Fallon's Late Night debut

New hyper host delivers well-paced, energized show

As Jimmy Fallon prepared to debut as host of NBC's Late Night, he found his predecessor, Conan O'Brien, in his dressing room, still packing up.

"I'm about to start my first show," Fallon told him eagerly.

"Oh, is that tonight?" O'Brien replied. "I was gonna TiVo it, or something."

A new era began Monday in the time slot commonly known as "12:30" (more accurately, 12:37 a.m. EST) as Fallon arrived with a new-era version of Late Night, flush with his wired-up personality, a classy, comfy set and a super-cool house band, the Roots.

After the O'Brien bit, Fallon stepped on stage with a brisk, if forgettable, monologue, followed by a more clever "Slow Jam" presentation of the news (bluesy and romantic, as accompanied by the Roots). After that came a comic tribute to the show's designated target demographic: Blond Mothers.

A possibly recurring game-show spoof, Lick It For Ten, invited three "contestants" from the audience to lick something — a lawn mower, a photocopier and a bowl of goldfish — for a $10 prize.

And all that was before the first guest, Robert De Niro, who was game to play off of his reputation as a difficult interview.

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Jimmy Fallon, who is replacing fellow Saturday Night Live alum Conan O'Brien as the host of NBC's Late Night talk show, now known as Late Night with Jimmy Fallon.

"I wrote some questions with one-word answers," said Fallon helpfully. Consulting his list, he asked De Niro, "How are you?"

"I'm OK."

"Are you happy to be here?"

"I don't know yet," De Niro replied.

Fallon did his De Niro impression and got De Niro to do a Jimmy Fallon impression. Then they appeared in a sketch together.

Justin Timberlake came on next and plugged a new reality series with a film clip that seemed like yet another spoof, but is actually for real.

Finishing up was Van Morrison, who performed a song amid a huge band of his own.

And that's how the hour went. Whew! No one could say the pace ever dragged or the energy lagged.

It certainly didn't with its hyper host.

Fallon, a former cast member of Saturday Night Live with several films to his credit, has tapped a longtime SNL hand, Michael Shoemaker, as his producer. Co-producer is Gavin Purcell, who ran Attack of the Show, the daily Net-centric news hour on cable's G4 channel.

Lorne Michaels (who used to be Fallon's boss on SNL) continues as Late Night executive producer. So it would seem he has all the pieces in place, as he faces competition that includes Craig Ferguson on CBS' The Late Late Show.

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Lynda Carter trades in hero suit for microphone

MUSIC Lynda Carter peers at the ultrasleek stereo in her hotel room, trying to find the right button — any button, really — that will get it to accept her CD.

"Now, where would Play be?" she asks.

"Is it Enter?" she wonders. "That's not it."

"CD? Does that say CD?"

Carter played Wonder Woman on television, someone who stopped bullets with her bracelets or hopped in an invisible plane. On this day, she's more human — more alter ego Diana Prince — stumped by an unfamiliar stereo.

"I didn't realize how much I missed music until I came back."
Lynda Carter

But not for long.

"OK!" she says with delight as the right button is pressed and the squeal of a saxophone signals the beginning of Sam Cooke's torch song You Send Me.

The voice that emerges, though, isn't Cooke's. It's Carter's. And, while walking over to a sofa, she can't help but sing along with herself, a grin plastered to her face.

"I didn't realize how much I missed music until I came back," she says, her tall frame swaying. "It's just a blast. It's so much fun."

Lynda Carter.

That's right: Long before she donned her famous star-spangled one-piece, Carter was a singer. She's getting back to it now with a new CD and a cabaret tour, proving that the 57-year-old is still something of a wonder woman.

"She's really a very incredibly talented singer," says drummer Paul Leim, the leader of her band who has worked with Carter since her Wonder Woman days and also with the likes of Lionel Richie, Dolly Parton, Randy Travis, Reba McEntire, Kenny Rogers and Faith Hill.

"Hopefully, everybody will get a chance to experience the real Lynda Carter instead of the actress from the cartoon," says Leim by phone from Nashville, Tenn.

The album contains covers of standards like Cry Me a River, Blues in the Night and Summertime.

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The Tragically Hip on tour

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Manilow to keep the teens away

DUBIOUS HONOUR It'll be Barry Manilow versus the mall rats.

The New Zealand city Christchurch hopes putting the crooner's smooth and gentle tones into the mix of music to be broadcast through the central mall district can pacify unruly teens who congregate there — or at least persuade them to go elsewhere.

The city council, police and local property owners agree easy listening to Manilow's hits might change the behaviour of loitering teens.

Oprah singled out for leadership

AWARD Media mogul Oprah Winfrey has received a leadership award from Columbia University. University officials say the talk show host received the 2009 Klingenstein Leadership Award Friday for her philanthropy in education and promotion of reading.

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Clowning around on blind dates

If you think there's no such thing as a good blind date, that's probably because you've never met Rebecca Northan.

The improvisational comedian brought her red clown nose, her table for two and her wistful but mischievous smile to the Brigantine Room at Harbourfront in a show starting last night.

She's presenting Blind Date, which originally began as a 10-minute sketch at The Spiegel Show during Luminato 2007 and has since grown into a full-length piece that recently knocked Calgary on its speed-dating butt.

Northan thanks Tina Rasmussen, artistic director of Harbourfront's World Stage performance series, for commissioning her to do something that summer.

"It was one of those ideas that arrive in their entirety in an instant," giggles Northan. "I knew immediately it was about a blind date and it had to be in a French café."

What about Northan herself? That, too, fell into place instantly and she emerged as Mimi, a character Calgary's New West magazine called "the sexiest and most lovable Parisian woman to ever wear a clown nose."

What makes this show special? Mimi has obviously been stood up by her date, and so she goes into the audience to find a replacement.

"Mimi is the better part of me. She's all the things I like about myself and all the things that surprise me."
Rebecca Northan, improv actress

"I've only got two rules," states Northan. "It can't be an actor and it can't be anybody I know. Because then it's not a pure experience.

"Once or twice," she laughs ruefully, "I picked an actor by mistake and I knew instantly what I had done, because they didn't know how to be a real person."

To some people a show about dating would be living hell, but not the relationship-savvy Northan (who is happily married, by the way). "I've had great experiences in my dating life and I've stayed friendly with almost everyone I've ever gone out with. To me, dating is the exciting ritual of getting to know someone, hoping there's chemistry and being excited by the hope of potential."

But — and this may be the big difference — Northan concedes that "never in my life have I been on a blind date."

So she approaches each encounter with an innocence and a hope that never wavers. "Each evening is special, wonderful, fun ... for me, for the man and for the audience. You see, I'm not thinking of myself first, I'm thinking of the guy. Wondering, 'What does he need? A gentle, encouraging hand, or someone telling him just what to do?'"

So when she's up there improvising as Mimi on a date with a man she's literally never met, is that her?

"Mimi is the better part of me," she sighs. "She's all the things I like about myself and all the things that surprise me. For example, I'm surprised at how willing she is to be moved emotionally."

She admits that some of the men "temporarily fall in love" with her and "a piece of me falls in love with them too. They're all unique and I have a genuine experience with all of them."

"When I finish each show," she concludes, "I'd like to think I've given the guy 90 minutes of happy."

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Rebecca Northan is the woman behind Blind Date at the World Stage Festival at Harbourfront.

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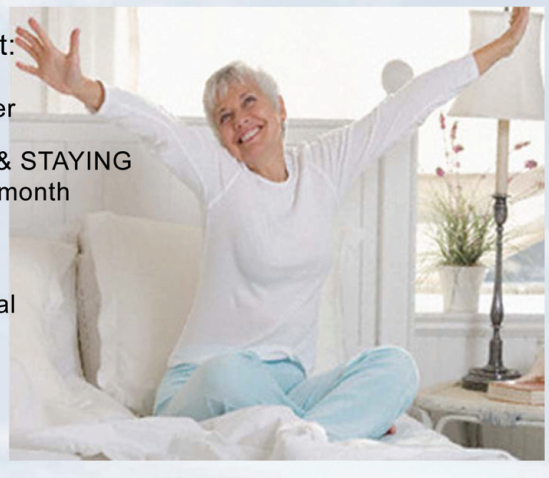

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Toronto designer Jeff MacKinnon's last-minute designs finally ran out of steam and he was sent home from Project Runway Canada last night.

Last night's challenge gave designers a chance at national exposure by having their dress become the first ever original design to be sold by clothing retailer Winners at select stores across Canada. Designers had to create the perfect spring dress which could be worn both during the day and into the evening.

The judges felt MacKinnon's simple, white reversible dress wasn't innovative enough and wouldn't stand out to customers, making him the sixth designer booted off the show.

MacKinnon, 41, had already survived elimination a few weeks before and frequently seemed to struggle with the short time frame given to create dresses on the show.

"The time constraints were the toughest part of the show. I'm very meticulous and it was difficult for me to just get the job done," MacKinnon said.

Used to doing painstaking custom work for clients over a period of weeks instead of banging out garments in 48 hours, MacKinnon was often forced to resort to shortcuts to get his dresses finished. Among one of MacKinnon's desperate moves was using glue to patch fabric strips onto several dresses, something he would never do in normal conditions but he insists he wasn't the only one cutting corners.

"Desperate times call for desperate measures, but we were all doing stuff like that. A lot of people were using glue, a lot of people were using tape," MacKinnon said.

Toronro's Jeff MacKinnon.

Stretched to the limit in last night's challenge, MacKinnon went as far as to draw on apparent hand-stitching with a marker to get his dress in on time. While judges didn't catch the snafu in the first judging panel, MacKinnon voluntarily admitted during the call-back that he drew the stitching on. The admission didn't affect the judges outcome since they had already decided to sent him home but MacKinnon felt relieved to come clean regardless.

"I have an enormous amount of integrity and I wanted to walk out of there with my integrity," MacKinnon said.

In early episodes, MacKinnon did full interior finishing on his dresses but quickly realized time was too tight for perfection. Looking back, MacKinnon thinks he probably should have switched to simpler designs and spent more time "dressing up" the exterior of his dresses to make more of an impact.

Still, he says his experience on the show was a blast that took him out of his comfort zone and let him prove he could be adventurous.

"It was something I never thought in a million years I would do — I'm a very private person, quite shy, and I'm very proud of myself for doing this," MacKinnon said.

When to watch

- Project Runway Canada airs Tuesday nights on Global.

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	-	387	16	CBS	Inside Edition	Hollywood	Old Christine	Gary Unmarr	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		CSI: NY "Turbulence"		News (N)
	-	385	17	NBC	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Knight Rider (HDTV) (N)		Life "Jackpot" (HDTV)		Law & Order (HDTV)		News (N)
	-	386	18	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Lost (HDTV)		Lost "LaFleur" (N)		(10:02) Life on Mars		News
	219	346	20	ACH-B	Lost "LaFleur" (N)		America's Next Top Model (Season Premiere) (N)				Law & Order (HDTV)		News (N)
	-	-	28	FOX	Judge Judy (N)	Two/Half Men	American Idol		Lie to Me "Unchained"		Seinfeld	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons
	-	388	61	PBS	News-Lehrer	Mulberry	Chris Botti in Boston			3 Mo' Divas Female vocalists perform.			Business Rpt.
	297	652	330	WPX	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	America's Next Top Model (Season Premiere) (N)				PIX News at Ten Tong.		Two/Half Men
	296	654	331	SBK	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Dr. Phil (HDTV) (N)		WBZ News (N)	What's-Store	Frasier	Frasier	Punk'd
	298	653	332	TLA	Jamie Foxx	Wayans Bros.	My Wife-Kids	According-Jim	Friends	KTLA News	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Next Model
news	502	390	26	NW	CBC News	Newman	The Hour		CBC News: The National		Tropic of Capricorn		National
	500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
	509	504	79	CNB	Kudlow Report		CNBC Reports (HDTV)		American Greed		On the Money		Mad Money
sports	405	417	22	net	Air Racing From London.		The Ultimate Fighter		Best Damn Sports Show		Sportsnet Connected		Hockey Central
	400	400	30	TSN	That's Hockey!	NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at Buffalo Sabres. (HDTV) (Live)					SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		
	411	457	58	OLN	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Survivorman		Mantracker	Mantracker	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Survivorman
	417	406	81	SC	Pimp My Ride	Pass Time	Pinks Outtakes	Pinks Outtakes	Pinks (HDTV)	Drag Race	Drag Race	Wrecked	Pimp My Ride
family	551	542	25	YTV	In Real Life (N)		Malcolm-Mid.	Futurama	Adrenaline Proj	Prank Patrol	Falcon Beach		Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45	TEL	Totally Spies	Total Drama	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	American Dad	Robot Chicken	Father of Pride	Moral Orel
	556	540	51	FAM	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
cable variety	602	567	27	W	Will & Grace	Friends	Grocery	Grocery	Supersize vs. Superskinny (N)		Stuck (N)	Maxed Out (N)	Maxed Out
	570	580	29	MM	America's Best Dance Crew		Redemption	Redemption	Technical Diff.	Technical Diff.	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	PunchMuch
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Exterminators	Exterminators
	700	800	35	TLN	Centrovetrine	Sky TG 24	Linea di Confine (Italian).				Raymond	Raymond	George Lopez
	571	581	36	MMM	mmmtop	MusicProfile	Where You At	Revival	20 Greatest Celebreality Fight		Confessions of a Teen Idol		Revival
	575	583	38	CMT	CMT's Greatest		Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Reba	Reba	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Three Chords
	616	521	39	SHO	The Outer Limits		Cashing In	About a Girl	The Guard (HDTV)		Big Love (HDTV)		House
	620	523	40	BVO	The Achievers	Landscape	Arts & Minds	Bravo!Videos	Wingfield	Wingfield	Death at-Opera	Broadway	Law & Order
	601	562	41	SLC	Til Debt-Part	Rich Poor	Chop Shop (N)	Mr. Friday	Real Housewives of OC		Kimora: Fab	Kardashians	ET Canada
	522	506	43	HIS	NCIS "Enigma"		Outlaw Bikers		Ice Road Truckers		NCIS "Enigma"		Sea Hunters
	625	548	44	COM	Air Farce	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Jon Dore Show	Demetri Martin	Daily Show
	600	564	46	H&G	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Mansions	Property Shop	Property Virgin	Unsellable	Hid Potential	Really Big Flip	Holmes-Homes
	294	529	47	TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	*Payback* ★★ (1999, Action) Mel Gibson, Gregg Henry.				Steve Harvey	Seinfeld	Family Guy
	576	582	49	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		*Lean on Me* ★★ (1989, Docudrama) Morgan Freeman, Robert Guillaume.					Baldwin Hills	Judge Hatchett
	627	528	50	SPC	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Lost "Exodus"		Star Trek: Voyager		Watchmen	The Circuit	Stargate SG-1
	581	566	52	MTV	MTV Presents	After	MTV News	Cribs	The Real World		The Real World (N)		MTV Live
	618	524	54	TROP	Reality	Ad Persuasion	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Raymond	Family Guy	Married... With	Seinfeld
	603	561	56	FOOD	Chef at Home	Chef at Home	Restaurant Makeover		Iron Chef America		Top Chef		Restaurant
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	553	546	65	TRE	Backyardigans	Nght Grdn	Max & Ruby	Franklin	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos	Comfy Couch	Big & Small (N)	Max & Ruby
	115	711	101	TVA	Poule-oeufs or	Star Académie:	Destinées (HDTV) (SC)		Dommages et intérêts (SC)		TVA 22 heures	(10:45) Denis Lévesque	
	126	730	102	RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Grands reportages (SC)		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI en direct	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	526	507	249	VIVA	Judging Amy		Commander In Chief		The West Wing		Mediums	Psychic Det.	Mediums
	300	601	301	M1	*Bratz* ★ (2007, Comedy) Nathalia Ramos, Janel Parrish.				*Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story* (2007)			(10:45) *The Number 23*	
	305	612	306	PIX	(7:10) *Ignition* (2002, Suspense) Bill Pullman.				*Scream* ★★★ (1996, Horror) Neve Campbell.				*Taken* ★

critics' corner

Gary Unmarried

Under ordinary circumstances, Gary (Jay Mohr) rarely lets ex-wife Allison's (Paula Marshall) fiance, Dr. Krandall (Ed Begley Jr.), ruffle his feathers, but he's plenty concerned when he notices how much time Krandall is spending with Gary's teenage son, Tom (Ryan Malgarini), and vows to bond more strongly with the boy himself. Jaime King and Kathryn Newton co-star in the new episode "Gary Toughens Up Tom." 8:30 PM on CBS

Life

After a woman is found in a pool of blood at a table set with a romantic dinner for two, Crews and Reese's (Damien Lewis, Sarah Shahi) investigation leads them to an eccentric support group for lottery winners; Rachel (Jessy Schram) refuses to tell Crews anything about her father's murder but comes to realize the two of them share a common bond. Former "CHiPs" star Erik Estrada makes a cameo appearance in "Jackpot." 9 PM on NBC

In brief

MUSIC Prince is releasing a three-disc CD set through the retailer at the end of this month. The set will include two new albums as well as a third by his new artist, Bria Valente, for $11.98 US.

COURTS Actor Gary Collins faces 120 days in jail or home detention after pleading no contest to misdemeanour driving under the influence.

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Osbourne sued by alleged attack victim
Sharon Osbourne is being sued by a woman she allegedly attacked on her VH1 show, Rock of Love: Charm School, TMZ.com reports. Megan Hauserman reportedly filed a lawsuit in L.A. County Superior Court Monday against Osbourne, adds usmagazine.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

'I am God's vessel': Kanye

PEOPLE Kanye West has a pretty high opinion of himself. In fact, the rapper believes he was chosen by God to have superior music ability.

"God chose me. He made a path for me. I am God's vessel," West said during a taping for the VH1 Storytellers series. "But my greatest pain in life is that I will never be able to see myself perform live," West added.

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Nicole loves Keith's sexy shots

PEOPLE Nicole Kidman's musician husband, Keith Urban, famously posed for Playgirl magazine eight years ago, but his wife hadn't seen the steamy photos until recently — and she wasn't let down.

"Nicole was impressed with the shots," Urban tells Britain's New magazine. "It was spread over two pages and had staples in all the right places."

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Reunion sparks concerns

SCANDAL Rihanna may have spent the weekend in Miami with Chris Brown, but her family isn't quite ready for the tumultuous couple to reunite, people.com reports.

"Everyone wants them to take a break, to cool off," a relative of Rihanna tells People after the pair returned to Los Angeles together Monday. "No one wants them back together."

Family thought that the relationship was over after Brown allegedly battered Rihanna on Feb. 8. The couple went their own ways for a while — he went home, while she recuperated in Barbados and Mexico — but the separation was short-lived.

The pair reunited in Miami last weekend, spending time at the Star Island mansion of Sean (Diddy) Combs. A source close to the couple told People that the couple was "definitely together" and working on a reconciliation.

"I'm concerned," continues the relative. "I don't want her to make a mistake, and I don't want her to ever go through this again."

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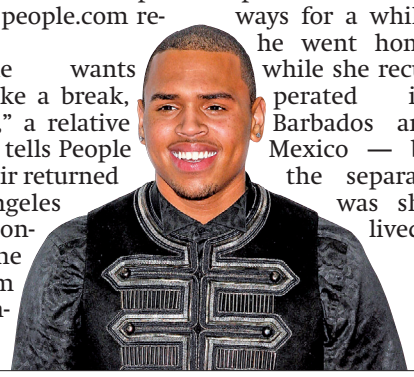

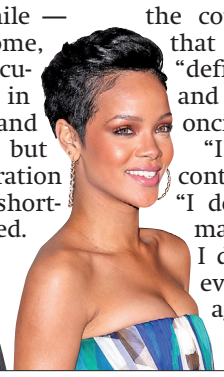

So kill me, I wear a bikini: Miley

PEOPLE Miley Cyrus has quit jogging to stop people discussing her breasts, female-first.co.uk reports.

The 16-year-old star is furious she was accused of flaunting her curves by wearing a bikini top during an outdoor run with her 21-year-old boyfriend Justin Gaston.

The Hannah Montana actress said: "I don't get the big whoop, but whatever. I guess it's just ... I'm not allowed to jog any more."

Miley claims she was only wearing the bikini as her eight-year-old sister Noah wanted her to help clean the car.

"So I was like, 'OK, we're going to have a car wash.' It's, like, 100 degrees out," she told Ryan Seacrest on KIIS FM radio.

"As I'm running, it got a little bit lower and you could see a little of the bathing suit top. So, oh my goodness, Miley Cyrus wears a two-piece! Kill me! I'm wearing a two-piece, with an eight-year-old."

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No Brangie drama: Jennifer

PEOPLE Jennifer Aniston tells Elle U.K. magazine she doesn't owe anybody her side of the story regarding her relationships with ex-husband Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, msn.com reports.

"There are no sides! There is no bad guy and there is no good guy. There are no villains and there is no heroine in this story. It's just not the case," the actress tells the publication.

She continues, "I remind myself every day that I am lucky. Look what's out there. Look what people are really living through. There's no comparison. I am happy."

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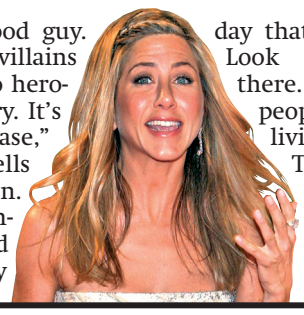

Isn't she 60?: Canseco

PEOPLE Jose Canseco can't get over the fact that his 50-year-old ex Madonna is dating 22-year-old Brazilian model Jesus Luz, usmagazine.com reports.

"Oh, my God! Doesn't she realize she is 60 years old? Come on!" he told usmagazine.com, adding "When she is 80, what is she going to date — a guy who is 10 years old? It's getting crazy!"

Madonna doesn't seem to mind their nearly 30-year age difference. A source close to the singer recently told Us Weekly that while she and Luz are not serious, "she is seeing where it goes."

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Lindsay converting?

RELIGION Lindsay Lohan has reportedly found a new way to express her devotion to rumoured girlfriend Samantha Ronson: The Mean Girls star is converting to Judaism, according to Perez Hilton.

Lohan and Ronson were spotted attending services at a synagogue in London last week before hitting the bar mitzvah for Ronson's half-brother. And as speculation over Lohan's faith escalated, the starlet updated her Facebook status to read: "I'm converting."

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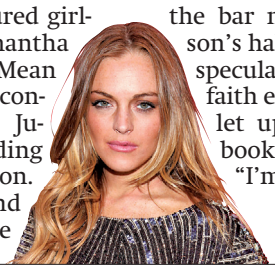

Art imitates life for Lauren

CAREER It looks like art is imitating life for Lauren Conrad, people.com reports.

The star of The Hills reveals on her MySpace blog that her new book, L.A. Candy — which will be the first of a three-book series that is "loosely inspired" by her own experience — follows the story of 19-year-old girl named Jane Roberts "who moves to L.A. and unexpectedly becomes the star of a reality television show."

"Some of the characters may symbolize people in my life," writes Conrad, "But it is in no way calling anyone out."

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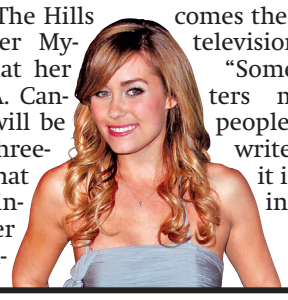

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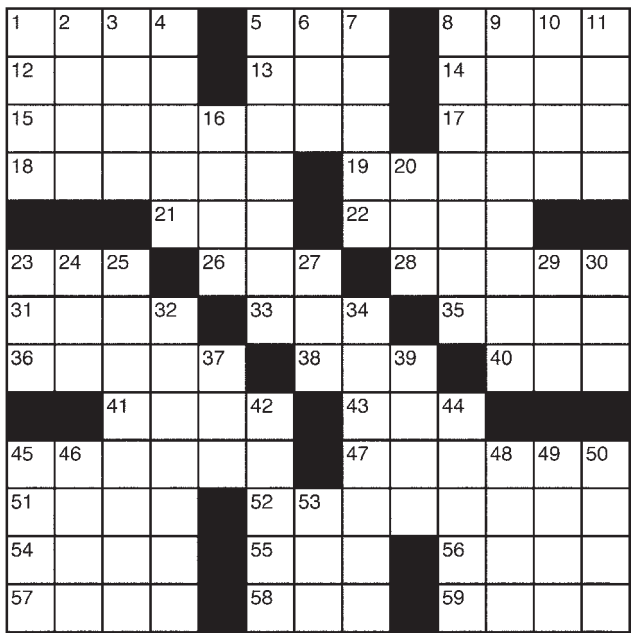

Crossword across

1 Glaswegian gal
5 Denny Crane's field
8 — Alto, Calif.
12 Canyon phenomenon
13 A Chorus Line song
14 Privy to
15 Miscellaneous written passages
17 Simple
18 Indy's hat
19 Whirlpool
21 Zilch
22 Apiece
23 Docs' org.
26 Conger, for one
28 Wails like a banshee
31 Offspring, often
33 Vast expanse
35 Filthy material
36 Eucalyptus eater
38 Last (Abbr.)
40 Whatever amount
41 Uppercase
43 In medias —
45 Wuthering Heights writer
47 Alibi
51 Carry on
52 Fiddler on the Roof village
54 Staffer
55 Young chap
56 Approach
57 Pleased
58 Bond, e.g.
59 Skin art, for short

Crossword down

1 Emblem on Canada's flag
2 Dermatologist's case
3 Roe source
4 Wise lawgiver
5 Spots
6 Pismire
7 Use a loom
8 Stabs
9 Curse
10 Mislay
11 Cameo stone
16 One of HOMES
20 Erstwhile acorn
23 Request
24 Cow's comment
25 Big snake
27 Romanian money
29 Sister
30 Pigpen
32 On an angle
34 "So soon?"
37 Suitable
39 Libretto
42 Easter stickers
44 Bloodhound's clue
45 Put your feat in your mouth
46 Bar
48 Eye layer
49 Old card game
50 "I'm all —"
53 Siesta

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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G	E	N	E		W	H	O		B	A	R	S		

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4	5	3	8	2	1	9	7	6
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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

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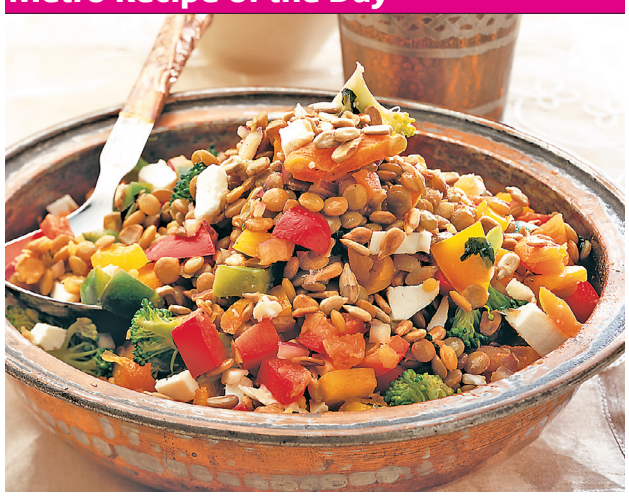

Middle Eastern Lentil Salad

INGREDIENTS:

1 1/3 cup (325 ml) dried brown or green lentils, rinsed
1 garlic clove, peeled but left whole
Good pinch of ground cumin
1 slice lemon
1 2/3 cup (400 ml) broccoli florets
1 small red onion, finely chopped
1/2 cup (125 ml) dried apricots, roughly chopped
1 each small red, yellow and green pepper, seeded and cut into 3/4-in. (2-cm) dice
1 3/4 oz (50 g) firm rindless goat's cheese
Toasted sunflower seeds to garnish

LEMON AND CORIANDER DRESSING:

Juice of 1 lemon
2 tbsp (25 ml) extra virgin olive oil
1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) finely chopped fresh coriander leaves
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

METHOD:

1. Put lentils into pot, cover with water and bring to boil. Add garlic, cumin and lemon, reduce heat and simmer 30 minutes, or until lentils are tender. Drop broccoli florets into pot of boiling water and blanch 2 minutes or until broccoli are slightly softened but still crisp. Drain and set aside.
2. Meanwhile, put lemon juice, oil, coriander, salt and black pepper into large salad bowl, and whisk.
3. Drain lentils, discarding lemon and garlic. Tip into salad bowl and toss gently.
4. Add onion, apricots, peppers and broccoli florets and mix gently. Crumble cheese over top, garnish with sunflower seeds and serve immediately.

SERVES 4

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You'll appreciate an apparent contradiction. A quarrel causes hard feelings. Your hopes will brighten after noon.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A receptive friend is more exciting than usual. Job activity heightens your tension. A deep-voiced man runs off with his favourite lady.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Animal magnetism causes hearty laughter. Be on call for a former sweetheart. A message left on a machine exceeds expectations.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
The standing of a plan begins to improve. Don't be arrogant with an aloof woman. Something inside you causes embarrassment.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Someone will communicate as effectively as possible. Profound feelings about a romance are disruptive. Restrain your sarcasm with a jovial person.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A bashful guy makes dramatic promises. A man needs to be set straight on personal choices. An obnoxious pest will get stuck.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Don't call off a meeting before your point is made. A man complains about your behaviour. A kind friend needs your attention.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Greedy people want more than they deserve. An admirer is starry-eyed. Friends won't help a self-defeating associate.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Secret messages share the recipe for bliss. Start showing attention to an older relative. End a troublesome situation painlessly.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A wicked witch's integrity is challenged. A mother tries to get away with a lie. Good stuff happens in a meditative state.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Someone wants you in the picture. Be optimistic that you'll find a dream job. Your confidence brings good luck.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A secret enemy is a friend. An insecure female wants you to impose discipline. Witness a fair-minded friend's change of attitude.

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4. Less naïve skinflint (2)
5. Actress Laura's old British coins (2)
6. Popcorn seed log (2)
7. Bishop's or archbishop's BBs (2)

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